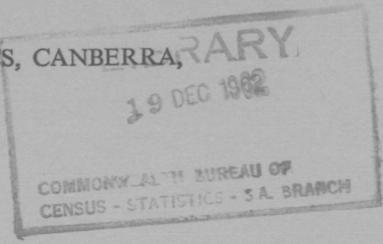


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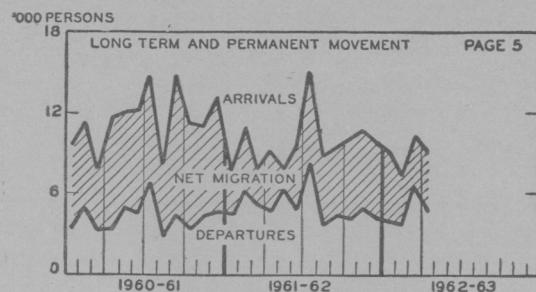
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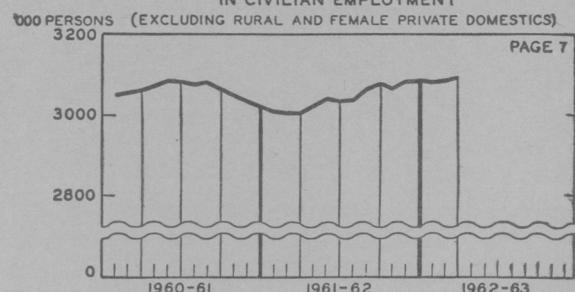
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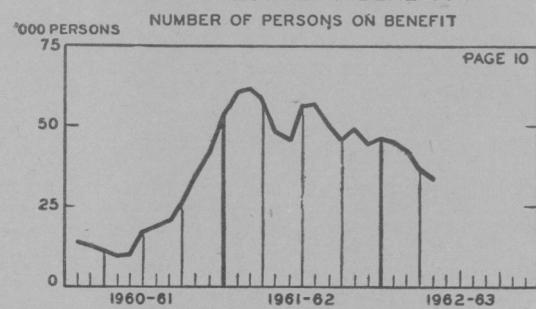
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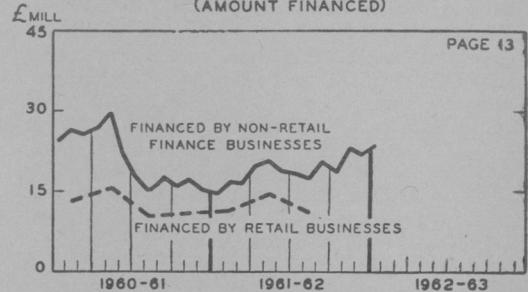
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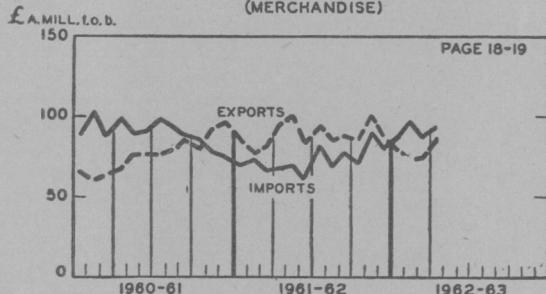
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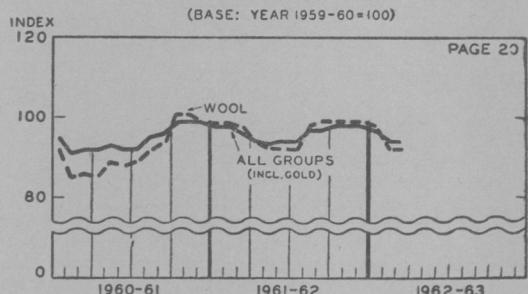
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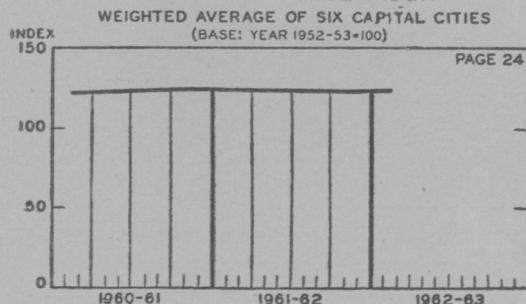
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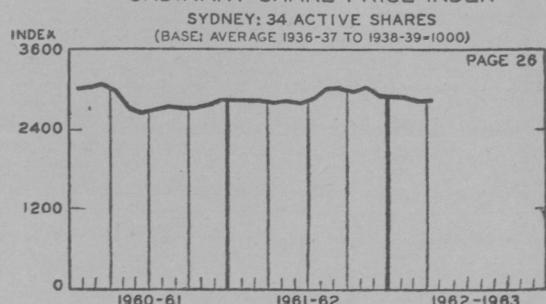
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excl. Rural and Female Private Domestic). (a)		Number of Persons on Unem- ployment Benefit.	Average Weekly Earnings (c) Index (Base: 1953-54= 100).	Internal Trade— Retail Sales. (d)	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Inter- national Reserves. (e)	Building Ap- provals. (f)	New Houses and Flats Com- menced. (g)	
	Employed in Factories. (b)	Total Civilian Employ- ment.				Imports.	Exports.				
	'000	'000.			£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	No.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37	499	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.3	92.9	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38	536	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.7	85.2	n.a.	n.a.	
1938-39	542	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	10.1	60.7	n.a.	n.a.	
1955-56	1,019	2,836	4,014	112.2	537.7	68.2	64.2	355.0	36.1	18,155
1956-57	1,021	2,861	12,666	118.2	562.0	59.7	81.1	566.5	32.8	17,364
1957-58	1,033	2,880	23,900	121.3	585.5	65.8	67.5	525.4	37.1	18,337
1958-59	1,046	2,917	27,311	124.5	613.4	66.2	67.2	516.4	41.3	20,422
1959-60	1,088	3,000	20,706	133.6	672.8	77.1	77.2	512.0	50.3	22,836
1960-61	1,103	3,064	23,038	140.5	705.5	90.4	77.3	550.8	50.2	22,222
1961-62	1,073	3,045	52,265	144.6	715.1	73.5	89.1	561.2	48.8	20,617
Monthly Total—											
1960-61—	(i)	(j)									
October	1,125	3,073	10,364	141.3	784.3	100.0	68.7	413.3	59.5	23,926
November	1,126	3,089	10,660			89.6	76.8	398.0	61.3	
December	1,114	3,085	17,633	141.3	666.7	91.6	77.1	376.3	44.2	20,136
January	1,111	3,079	19,257			99.8	76.5	374.5	34.6	
February	1,108	3,083	20,941	141.3	220.2	94.8	79.1	373.6	41.4	19,189
March	1,093	3,068	25,646			89.4	86.4	388.1	43.6	
April	1,080	3,051	35,025	141.1	239.0	86.7	81.4	416.5	33.2	19,172
May	1,068	3,039	42,667			78.9	92.6	531.1	53.1	
June	1,055	3,021	54,254	141.1	226.4	74.6	97.3	550.8	51.9	21,547
1961-62—							p	p			
July	1,048	3,009	61,499	141.8	224.4	69.8	85.9	574.6	43.7	20,348
August	1,047	3,007	62,066			227.1	73.0	571.1	54.6	
September	1,046	3,004	59,561	144.6	232.8	66.9	81.2	573.4	53.2	21,403
October	1,063	3,021	48,531			233.7	68.7	95.6	578.0	
November	1,070	3,040	45,545	144.6	242.9	70.0	100.9	587.0	54.2	22,884
December	1,065	3,037	56,756			306.7	61.9	83.0	601.7	
January	1,074	3,039	57,105	145.3	229.6	82.0	95.0	596.1	38.6	22,884
February	1,087	3,065	50,112			215.5	69.2	85.9	607.7	
March	1,093	3,081	45,870	146.8	231.7	77.6	89.2	537.6	53.9	22,884
April	1,087	3,070	49,136			228.1	71.1	86.3	550.3	
May	1,096	3,085	44,668	146.8	253.6	90.8	100.9	565.5	55.6	22,884
June	1,100	3,088	46,324			234.4	81.7	87.1	561.2	
1962-63—											
July	1,101	3,085	45,453	146.0	r231.1	89.0	80.2	574.9	62.5	22,884
August	1,105	3,088	42,647			r241.4	97.5	74.0	565.8	
September	1,109	3,097	r36,851	33,796	r233.8	87.6	74.3	560.5	56.4	22,884
October						250.5	93.6	87.4	570.9	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See also note (a), p. 7. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. See also note (b), p. 7. (c) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly and monthly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. See Commonwealth Bank Statistical Bulletin, Banking Supplement, May, 1954, for a description of this series. (f) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (g) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (h) Annual and December figures as at end of period; other figures last Wednesday of month. (i) At end of month. (j) Last Saturday of month.

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Period.	Wool Prices Index, Sydney. (a)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel (b)	New Motor Vehicles Registered (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(e)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
					Motor Cars and Station Wagons. (c)	Other Motor Vehicles. (d)		Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly	Pence per lb.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons. (f)	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Average—										
1936-37 ..	16.4	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	12.7	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	10.3	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1955-56 ..	60.7	1,586	1,398	193.4	13.5	5.6	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	77.9	1,643	1,524	231.2	12.3	4.8	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	62.1	1,697	1,650	253.1	13.8	5.1	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	47.5	1,705	1,767	267.0	14.7	5.5	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	56.3	1,769	1,933	293.3	18.7	5.8	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
1960-61 ..	51.5	1,914	2,068	312.3	18.6	4.9	11,347	1,457.5	902.5	803.8
1961-62 ..	54.1	2,049	2,204	338.5	18.0	4.3	11,651	1,510.7	852.5	823.6
Monthly										
Total—		p	p							
1960-61—										
August ..	48.0	2,211	2,303	333.2	22.5	6.3	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September ..	48.5	2,057	2,121	310.6	22.5	5.8	11,036	1,426.2	929.5	797.5
October ..	48.0	1,970	2,081	316.1	24.3	5.5	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November ..	50.0	2,079	2,030	313.5	26.1	5.8	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December ..	49.5	1,674	1,946	337.3	17.6	4.8	12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.5
January ..	50.0	1,001	1,873	257.3	12.7	3.6	10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February ..	52.0	1,953	1,859	282.5	12.9	4.1	10,681	1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..	53.0	2,180	2,048	326.3	19.0	4.7	12,191	1,501.7	866.4	795.8
April ..	57.0	1,437	1,949	321.8	14.8	4.1	10,905	1,480.6	873.0	757.1
May ..	57.0	2,291	2,285	333.3	16.3	4.7	12,009	1,445.4	866.1	815.2
June ..	56.0	2,146	2,266	330.6	14.2	4.2	12,813	1,432.8	874.2	781.7
1961-62—		p								
July ..	56.0	2,238	2,408	351.7	13.6	3.8	10,477	1,420.4	884.7	820.1
August ..	56.0	2,384	2,388	338.0	16.1	3.9	11,776	1,424.8	865.8	729.7
September ..	55.0	2,177	2,156	339.2	15.7	3.8	11,159	1,437.8	856.0	789.0
October ..	53.0	2,311	2,132	337.6	17.8	4.4	11,876	1,470.6	861.5	833.2
November ..	52.0	2,297	2,094	311.4	18.4	4.4	11,516	1,492.7	852.8	815.6
December ..	52.0	1,649	2,002	347.7	16.6	4.0	11,364	1,523.0	844.9	881.5
January ..	52.0	1,223	2,017	338.6	15.8	3.8	11,506	1,558.0	825.5	748.2
February ..	55.0	2,082	1,986	308.2	18.0	4.2	11,650	1,588.1	816.3	856.0
March ..	56.0	2,269	2,195	346.2	21.2	5.1	12,633	1,589.9	822.5	834.3
April ..	56.0	1,525	2,109	354.3	17.7	4.4	10,484	1,575.3	855.9	829.9
May ..	56.0	2,324	2,515	358.9	21.9	5.5	12,634	1,536.5	867.7	896.1
June ..	56.0	2,111	2,448	326.7	23.1	4.9	12,739	1,521.4	874.4	875.3
1962-63—										
July ..	55.0	2,319	2,615	357.8	23.7	5.2	11,741	1,518.3	896.9	931.2
August ..	52.0	2,383	2,636	352.3	25.6	4.9	12,351	1,514.5	889.4	818.9
September ..	52.0	2,052	2,349	340.4	23.3	4.2	10,754	1,520.2	885.0	870.6
October ..	54.0		2,416	360.6	26.5	5.1	13,720	1,554.8	890.3	912.5

(a) Average price which a New South Wales clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in New South Wales. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56. (d) Excludes motor cycles; includes ambulances and hearses subsequent to 1954-55. (e) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p.a. —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)(d)	Population at end of Period.(d)
Quarterly Average—								
1952–53	..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	44,726	8,815,362
1953–54	..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	42,792	e8,986,530
1954–55	..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,300	9,199,729
1955–56	..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,458	9,425,563
1956–57	..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,644	9,640,138
1957–58	..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,549	9,842,333
1958–59	..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,537	10,056,479
1959–60	..	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,635	10,275,020
1960–61	..	19,091	59,459	22,199	37,260	21,297	58,292	e10,508,186
1961–62	..	19,393	59,611	22,480	37,131	12,103	49,234	10,705,121
Quarterly Total—								
1958–59—								
June	Qtr.	..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,326
1959–60—								
September	„	..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	49,843
December	„	..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,646
March	„	..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	60,939
June	„	..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,113
1960–61—								
September	„	..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,061
December	„	..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	65,839
March	„	..	19,940	61,118	20,331	40,787	22,527	63,025
June	„	..	20,042	61,214	21,983	39,231	14,258	53,241
1961–62—								
September	„	..	16,063	60,316	26,001	34,315	9,770	44,085
December	„	..	20,641	57,338	20,646	36,692	14,968	51,660
March	„	..	20,509	60,529	20,427	40,102	16,717	56,819
June	„	..	20,359	60,263	22,847	37,416	6,955	44,371

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase, net oversea migration and up to June, 1961, adjustments of population, on the basis of Census results. (d) The figures of Total Increase and Population have been revised in accordance with the results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. See also Note for table below. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—The estimated population at 30th June, 1962, for each State represents the population ascertained from the results of the Census of 30th June, 1961, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State for the period 1st July, 1961, to 30th June, 1962. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations since 30th June, 1961, are approximate. Estimates shown below for the intercensal period 1st July, 1954, to 31st March, 1961, have been revised in accordance with results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. For some States such revisions were substantial.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1952	..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360
1953	..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645
1954 (a)	..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315
1955	..	3,490,749	2,517,229	1,350,017	819,567	657,115	314,092	18,210	32,750
1956	..	3,554,257	2,593,468	1,381,591	848,557	674,529	318,470	19,556	35,135
1957	..	3,624,969	2,656,257	1,413,085	873,166	687,605	326,130	21,061	37,865
1958	..	3,691,954	2,718,482	1,439,199	896,803	699,565	333,066	22,097	41,167
1959	..	3,759,834	2,785,905	1,468,237	920,898	712,070	339,376	24,089	46,070
1960	..	3,832,453	2,857,389	1,495,927	945,320	722,080	343,910	25,573	52,368
1961 (a)	..	3,917,013	2,930,113	1,518,828	969,340	736,629	350,340	27,095	58,828
1962 (b)	..	3,976,736	2,991,471	1,542,629	989,389	754,477	356,937	27,790	65,692

(a) Census.

(b) See Note above.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Permanent movement—persons arriving with stated intent to settle permanently in Australia, and residents departing with stated intent to reside permanently abroad.

Long-term movement—arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with stated intent to stay (in Australia or in a country abroad respectively) for twelve months or more, and the departure of visitors and return of residents who have stayed (in Australia or in a country abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement—all other movement, including the movement of Australian troops irrespective of period of stay.

ARRIVALS.

Period.	Permanent Movement.	Long-term Movement.		Short-term Movement.		Total Movement.	
		Settlers Arriving.	Residents Returning.	Visitors Arriving.	Residents Returning.	Visitors Arriving	Total Arrivals.	Excess of Total Arrivals over Total Departures.
Monthly Average—							
1957-58	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,844	4,922	18,764	5,550
1958-59	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,999	5,361	20,085	6,430
1959-60	8,824	1,337	979	5,527	6,332	22,999	6,593
1960-61	9,024	1,406	1,110	6,821	7,731	26,092	7,099
1961-62	7,150	1,608	1,119	7,661	8,515	26,053	4,034
Monthly Total—							
1961-62—October ..	6,520	1,833	948	9,187	8,801	27,289	8,326
November ..	5,115	1,975	990	8,870	8,348	25,298	2,716
December ..	5,933	2,422	1,232	8,111	11,866	29,564	3,926
January ..	11,312	1,943	1,850	10,332	8,531	33,968	6,091
February ..	5,635	1,512	1,842	8,135	9,755	26,879	7,883
March ..	6,840	1,540	1,184	6,900	9,663	26,127	2,743
April ..	8,156	1,292	792	6,353	8,403	24,996	1,968
May ..	8,033	1,692	1,101	7,490	8,370	26,686	1,888
June ..	7,658	1,278	930	6,196	6,825	22,887	3,099
1962-63—July ..	7,336	1,089	857	6,270	6,499	22,051	5,466
August ..	5,247	1,419	839	6,618	8,491	22,614	4,307
September ..	r7,379	r1,788	r942	r9,676	r8,904	28,689	6,431
October p ..	6,048	2,084	1,085	10,244	10,699	30,160	8,915

DEPARTURES.

Period.	Permanent Movement.		Long-term Movement.		Short-term Movement.		Total Movement.
	Former Settlers Departing. ^b	Other Residents Departing.	Residents Departing.	Visitors Departing.	Residents Departing.	Visitors Departing.	
Monthly Average—							
1957-58	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,714	4,964	13,214
1958-59	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,933	5,481	13,655
1959-60	525	538	2,061	653	6,113	6,516	16,406
1960-61	494	458	2,379	985	6,847	7,830	18,993
1961-62	770	597	2,781	1,049	7,840	8,982	22,019
Monthly Total—							
1961-62—October ..	754	559	2,584	881	5,936	8,249	18,963
November ..	1,139	590	3,503	1,210	7,153	8,987	22,582
December ..	916	572	2,378	1,115	11,616	9,041	25,638
January ..	1,149	949	4,799	1,487	8,169	11,324	27,877
February ..	503	453	1,921	776	6,631	8,712	18,996
March ..	517	462	2,546	930	8,531	10,398	23,384
April ..	559	384	2,333	916	9,978	8,858	23,028
May ..	487	670	2,723	1,133	9,796	9,989	24,798
June ..	588	608	2,197	911	7,656	7,828	19,788
1962-63—July ..	493	457	2,125	1,028	5,897	6,585	16,585
August ..	548	383	2,292	607	6,355	8,122	18,307
September ..	1,122	740	3,232	1,402	6,982	8,780	22,258
October p ..	719	618	2,286	1,222	6,403	9,997	21,245

(a) Not available. (b) Excludes persons who stated on departure that they had come to Australia to settle and had stayed for a period of less than twelve months.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.			
	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construc- tion.	Trans- port and Com- mu- ni- ca- tion.	Retail Trade.	Whole- sale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Author- ity (n.e.i.); Com- mu- ni- ty Ser- vices, etc.(c)	Amuse- ment, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Gov- ern- ment Author- ties.(d)	Total.	
MALES.												
1958—June	..	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	226.1	74.2	1,476.1	621.8	2,097.9
1959—June	..	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	233.2	73.7	1,493.7	633.9	2,127.6
1960—June	..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3	1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1961—June	..	48.6	810.3	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5	1,522.8	649.9	2,172.7
1962—June	..	46.7	836.1	205.4	309.0	138.5	237.1	260.7	76.0	1,544.7	662.2	2,206.9
1961-62—												
Aug.	..	48.3	804.2	201.9	314.3	135.1	234.7	251.3	75.7	1,510.6	650.6	2,161.2
Sept.	..	45.8	800.5	200.6	313.6	135.8	235.9	251.5	76.2	1,505.9	649.5	2,155.4
Oct.	..	44.8	813.1	198.7	311.9	136.5	236.4	252.2	75.8	1,515.8	649.3	2,165.1
Nov.	..	47.3	816.1	197.4	311.6	139.4	238.1	252.6	76.2	1,524.7	649.8	2,174.5
Dec.	..	47.3	812.5	195.5	311.0	141.9	237.6	253.2	77.6	1,523.0	649.3	2,172.3
Jan.	..	47.3	818.3	195.4	310.4	138.3	237.9	254.9	77.1	1,524.9	651.2	2,176.1
Feb.	..	47.2	825.2	198.9	311.8	137.8	238.7	257.1	76.8	1,533.5	657.1	2,190.6
Mar.	..	47.0	828.4	202.9	312.3	138.2	239.1	258.6	76.7	1,538.6	661.5	2,200.1
April	..	46.8	826.7	201.8	309.5	137.7	237.8	259.6	77.0	1,531.1	662.8	2,193.9
May	..	46.8	833.7	205.2	310.4	138.4	237.6	260.0	76.4	1,542.4	663.2	2,205.6
June	..	46.7	836.1	205.4	309.0	138.5	237.1	260.7	76.0	1,544.7	662.2	2,206.9
1962-63—July	..	46.7	837.2	203.3	309.6	138.0	235.8	260.8	75.9	1,543.9	660.9	2,204.8
Aug.	..	46.7	839.7	200.9	309.4	137.8	236.7	261.2	76.2	1,547.4	658.4	2,205.8
Sept.	..	46.5	841.9	200.2	309.7	138.1	238.0	261.2	77.6	1,553.1	657.1	2,210.2
FEMALES.												
1958—June	..	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	198.4	77.8	655.9	136.6	792.5
1959—June	..	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	209.9	77.3	669.1	143.9	813.0
1960—June	..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3	709.4	150.2	859.6
1961—June	..	1.2	245.1	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8	690.6	157.6	848.2
1962—June	..	1.2	263.5	6.4	40.8	137.5	104.6	241.8	76.5	716.5	164.6	881.1
1961-62—												
Aug.	..	1.2	242.5	6.3	41.1	132.9	103.7	232.6	76.3	686.7	158.6	845.3
Sept.	..	1.2	245.3	6.3	40.8	133.3	103.3	232.9	76.7	690.2	158.3	848.5
Oct.	..	1.2	250.3	6.2	40.8	134.9	103.5	233.2	76.7	697.1	158.3	855.4
Nov.	..	1.2	253.4	6.2	40.8	141.2	103.6	233.3	76.7	706.8	158.3	865.1
Dec.	..	1.2	252.8	6.2	40.9	142.1	103.5	231.0	78.0	707.3	157.0	864.3
Jan.	..	1.2	255.9	6.2	41.1	135.6	104.6	231.5	77.5	704.7	157.8	862.5
Feb.	..	1.2	261.9	6.3	41.1	134.9	105.7	237.1	77.1	711.9	162.2	874.1
Mar.	..	1.2	265.0	6.3	41.3	136.3	105.6	239.1	76.9	717.1	163.4	880.5
April	..	1.2	259.8	6.3	41.1	136.0	104.8	239.9	77.7	711.3	164.3	875.6
May	..	1.2	262.6	6.3	40.9	137.3	104.7	240.5	77.0	715.2	164.1	879.3
June	..	1.2	263.5	6.4	40.8	137.5	104.6	241.8	76.5	716.5	164.6	881.1
1962-63—July	..	1.2	263.3	6.4	40.5	136.5	104.3	243.4	76.1	715.2	165.3	880.5
Aug.	..	1.2	265.0	6.4	40.6	136.7	104.0	243.4	76.5	717.6	165.0	882.6
Sept.	..	1.2	266.8	6.4	40.6	137.7	104.0	243.6	77.9	722.2	164.7	886.9

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)—continued.

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.			
	Mining and Quarry- ing. (a)	Factories. (b)	Building and Con- struction.	Trans- port and Com- munication.	Retail Trade.	Whole- sale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Author- ity (n.e.i.); Com- munity Services, etc.(c)	Amuse- ment, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Government Author- ties. (d)	Total.	
PERSONS.												
1953—June	..	58.9	913.0	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	368.6	144.3	1,924.5	679.8	2,604.3
1954—June	..	59.7	970.0	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	374.1	146.0	2,014.1	695.9	2,710.0
1955—June	..	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	251.0	290.2	387.0	151.2	2,079.7	721.9	2,801.6
1956—June	..	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	401.5	152.1	2,120.9	734.7	2,855.6
1957—June	..	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	413.0	152.9	2,123.3	742.3	2,865.6
1958—June	..	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	424.5	152.0	2,132.0	758.4	2,890.4
1959—June	..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1960—June	..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1961—June	..	49.8	1,055.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,213.4	807.5	3,020.9
1962—June	..	47.9	1,099.6	211.8	349.8	276.0	341.7	502.5	152.5	2,261.2	826.8	3,088.0
1960–61—Aug.	..	50.6	1,118.8	212.4	352.1	271.9	333.0	462.1	154.0	2,276.9	781.0	3,057.9
Sept.	..	50.4	1,123.3	211.9	351.3	273.6	334.4	462.3	154.9	2,285.4	779.6	3,065.0
Oct.	..	50.5	1,124.8	212.6	352.1	276.0	336.1	463.2	155.1	2,293.9	779.5	3,073.4
Nov.	..	50.3	1,125.5	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	464.2	155.9	2,307.5	781.0	3,088.5
Dec.	..	50.3	1,114.4	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	463.6	157.5	2,302.5	782.1	3,084.6
Jan.	..	49.4	1,111.4	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	465.4	156.1	2,292.8	786.2	3,079.0
Feb.	..	50.0	1,107.5	215.0	356.2	276.4	345.5	472.9	155.4	2,289.7	793.4	3,083.1
Mar.	..	50.2	1,093.4	212.9	357.7	274.0	345.1	474.8	155.4	2,270.6	797.3	3,067.9
April	..	49.8	1,080.0	212.2	358.5	271.3	343.5	476.8	154.5	2,250.0	800.8	3,050.8
May	..	50.0	1,068.2	213.0	358.1	271.0	341.6	478.8	153.6	2,233.4	805.1	3,038.5
June	..	49.8	1,055.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,213.4	807.5	3,020.9
1961–62—July	..	49.7	1,048.0	209.5	356.6	268.0	338.0	483.2	151.4	2,200.0	808.8	3,008.8
Aug.	..	49.5	1,046.7	208.2	355.4	268.0	338.4	483.9	152.0	2,197.3	809.2	3,006.5
Sept.	..	47.0	1,045.8	206.9	354.4	269.1	339.2	484.4	152.9	2,196.1	807.8	3,003.9
Oct.	..	46.0	1,063.4	204.9	352.7	271.4	339.9	485.4	152.5	2,212.9	807.6	3,020.5
Nov.	..	48.5	1,069.5	203.6	352.4	280.6	341.7	485.9	152.9	2,231.5	808.1	3,039.6
Dec.	..	48.5	1,065.3	201.7	351.9	284.0	341.1	484.2	155.6	2,230.3	806.3	3,036.6
Jan.	..	48.5	1,074.2	201.6	351.5	273.9	342.5	486.4	154.6	2,229.6	809.0	3,038.6
Feb.	..	48.4	1,087.1	205.2	352.9	272.7	344.4	494.2	153.9	2,245.4	819.3	3,064.7
Mar.	..	48.2	1,093.4	209.2	353.6	274.5	344.7	497.7	153.6	2,255.7	824.9	3,080.6
April	..	48.0	1,086.5	208.1	350.6	273.7	342.6	499.5	154.7	2,242.4	827.1	3,069.5
May	..	48.0	1,096.3	211.5	351.3	275.7	342.3	500.5	153.4	2,257.6	827.3	3,084.9
June	..	47.9	1,099.6	211.8	349.8	276.0	341.7	502.5	152.5	2,261.2	826.8	3,088.0
1962–63—July	..	47.9	1,100.5	209.7	350.1	274.5	340.1	504.2	152.0	2,259.1	826.2	3,085.3
Aug.	..	47.9	1,104.7	207.3	350.0	274.5	340.7	504.6	152.7	2,265.0	823.4	3,088.4
Sept.	..	47.7	1,108.7	206.6	350.3	275.8	342.0	504.8	155.5	2,275.3	821.8	3,097.1

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1953 to June, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961 the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1961. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1961–62 and ensuing years are tabulated. (c) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health Services, Education and other Community and Business Services. (d) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and semi-government) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. (a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	846.8	623.4	290.4	196.6	141.7	69.4	6.3	13.1	2,187.7
1960-61— June ..	841.6	619.4	284.8	195.7	142.2	69.1	6.4	13.5	2,172.7
1961-62— August ..	836.0	615.1	283.5	194.7	142.9	68.9	6.4	13.7	2,161.2
September ..	839.2	612.7	280.2	190.7	143.6	68.6	6.5	13.9	2,155.4
October ..	842.2	617.3	278.6	195.1	143.0	68.5	6.5	13.9	2,165.1
November ..	845.7	619.7	279.6	196.3	143.9	68.8	6.5	14.0	2,174.5
December ..	846.9	620.5	275.0	196.0	143.5	69.6	6.5	14.3	2,172.3
January ..	848.1	621.6	275.0	196.8	144.3	69.5	6.5	14.3	2,176.1
February ..	853.5	625.5	278.6	197.2	145.0	69.6	6.5	14.7	2,190.6
March ..	856.6	626.1	281.8	198.3	146.3	69.8	6.3	14.9	2,200.1
April ..	855.1	622.7	281.4	197.8	145.6	69.8	6.5	15.0	2,193.9
May ..	858.0	625.5	285.5	198.6	146.4	70.0	6.6	15.0	2,205.6
June ..	858.0	624.5	287.5	199.2	146.5	69.5	6.6	15.1	2,206.9
1962-63— July ..	856.4	623.3	288.0	199.4	146.5	69.4	6.8	15.0	2,204.8
August ..	856.3	623.5	288.3	199.7	146.5	69.5	6.9	15.1	2,205.8
September ..	857.7	625.6	287.5	200.5	147.3	69.4	6.9	15.3	2,210.2
FEMALES.									
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1960—June ..	340.1	268.1	101.8	69.8	49.2	24.2	1.6	4.8	859.6
1960-61— June ..	335.5	261.5	100.4	69.4	49.9	24.3	1.8	5.4	848.2
1961-62— August ..	334.7	259.8	101.0	69.1	49.9	23.7	1.7	5.4	845.3
September ..	336.8	261.0	101.0	69.0	50.1	23.4	1.8	5.4	848.5
October ..	340.5	263.0	100.8	70.1	50.4	23.4	1.7	5.5	855.4
November ..	344.5	266.9	100.8	70.9	51.0	23.7	1.8	5.5	865.1
December ..	344.6	266.2	100.6	70.8	50.7	24.2	1.7	5.5	864.3
January ..	341.9	267.2	100.1	71.7	50.5	23.8	1.7	5.6	862.5
February ..	344.6	273.0	101.8	72.1	51.0	24.3	1.7	5.6	874.1
March ..	346.8	274.0	102.5	72.9	52.1	24.7	1.7	5.8	880.5
April ..	347.1	270.5	101.6	72.0	52.0	24.8	1.8	5.8	875.6
May ..	348.3	272.3	102.2	72.1	52.1	24.6	1.8	5.9	879.3
June ..	348.5	272.4	103.0	72.9	51.9	24.7	1.8	5.9	881.1
1962-63— July ..	348.2	273.3	102.8	72.5	51.9	24.0	1.9	5.9	880.5
August ..	349.2	273.5	103.6	72.8	51.9	23.7	1.9	6.0	882.6
September ..	350.9	275.0	104.1	73.0	52.4	23.6	1.9	6.0	886.9
PERSONS.									
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1960—June ..	1,186.9	891.5	392.2	266.4	190.9	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,047.3
1960-61— June ..	1,177.1	880.9	385.2	265.1	192.1	93.4	8.2	18.9	3,020.9
1961-62— August ..	1,170.7	874.9	384.5	263.8	192.8	92.6	8.1	19.1	3,006.5
September ..	1,176.0	873.7	381.2	259.7	193.7	92.0	8.3	19.3	3,003.9
October ..	1,182.7	880.3	379.4	265.2	193.4	91.9	8.2	19.4	3,020.5
November ..	1,190.2	886.6	380.4	267.2	194.9	92.5	8.3	19.5	3,039.6
December ..	1,191.5	886.7	375.6	266.8	194.2	93.8	8.2	19.8	3,036.6
January ..	1,190.0	888.8	375.1	268.5	194.8	93.3	8.2	19.9	3,038.6
February ..	1,198.1	898.5	380.4	269.3	196.0	93.9	8.2	20.3	3,064.7
March ..	1,203.4	900.1	384.3	271.2	198.4	94.5	8.0	20.7	3,080.6
April ..	1,202.2	893.2	383.0	269.8	197.6	94.6	8.3	20.8	3,069.5
May ..	1,206.3	897.8	387.7	270.7	198.5	94.6	8.4	20.9	3,084.9
June ..	1,206.5	896.9	390.5	272.1	198.4	94.2	8.4	21.0	3,088.0
1962-63— July ..	1,204.6	896.6	390.8	271.9	198.4	93.4	8.7	20.9	3,085.3
August ..	1,205.5	897.0	391.9	272.5	198.4	93.2	8.8	21.1	3,088.4
September ..	1,208.6	900.6	391.6	273.5	199.7	93.0	8.8	21.3	3,097.1

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, for June, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. See notes on page 7.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1937—June	..	205.8	184.5	48.0	41.8	21.3	11.9	373.3	140.0 513.3
1938—June	..	219.6	193.8	50.6	41.5	22.1	12.5	391.6	148.5 540.1
1939—June	..	219.6	192.4	52.0	40.6	21.8	13.2	391.0	148.6 539.6
1956—June	..	418.0	341.1	98.4	89.4	46.5	27.1	778.0	242.5 1,020.5
1957—June	..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9 1,023.1
1958—June	..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0 1,035.1
1959—June	..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9 1,054.5
1960—June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4 1,111.3
1961—June	..	437.4	351.9	99.4	91.3	46.6	28.8	810.3	245.1 1,055.4
1962—June	..	453.6	370.1	100.5	97.1	48.8	29.5	836.1	263.5 1,099.6
1960-61—Aug.	..	463.6	377.6	103.7	97.5	47.6	28.8	846.3	272.5 1,118.8
Sept.	..	466.3	379.1	103.1	98.1	48.1	28.6	848.6	274.7 1,123.3
Oct.	..	466.9	380.9	101.9	98.5	48.0	28.6	849.2	275.6 1,124.8
Nov.	..	468.0	382.2	99.8	98.4	48.3	28.8	849.3	276.2 1,125.5
Dec.	..	463.9	379.8	95.2	97.9	48.1	29.5	843.0	271.4 1,114.4
Jan.	..	460.4	378.6	96.0	98.8	47.9	29.7	844.0	267.4 1,111.4
Feb.	..	458.2	378.6	97.1	96.3	47.7	29.6	838.5	269.0 1,107.5
Mar.	..	452.5	372.9	96.2	94.7	47.8	29.3	829.8	263.6 1,093.4
Apr.	..	446.3	366.9	96.1	93.7	47.8	29.2	823.5	256.5 1,080.0
May	..	441.4	359.0	98.7	92.8	47.4	28.9	818.1	250.1 1,068.2
June	..	437.4	351.9	99.4	91.3	46.6	28.8	810.3	245.1 1,055.4
1961-62—July	..	433.5	348.3	100.9	90.5	46.4	28.4	806.5	241.5 1,048.0
Aug.	..	432.6	349.0	99.8	90.3	47.0	28.0	804.2	242.5 1,046.7
Sept.	..	436.6	348.5	99.0	86.5	47.5	27.7	800.5	245.3 1,045.8
Oct.	..	441.7	357.0	97.9	91.4	47.6	27.8	813.1	250.3 1,063.4
Nov.	..	443.3	360.8	96.6	92.6	47.9	28.3	816.1	253.4 1,069.5
Dec.	..	442.3	360.5	92.4	93.1	47.9	29.1	812.5	252.8 1,065.3
Jan.	..	443.9	364.6	93.2	95.0	48.3	29.2	818.3	255.9 1,074.2
Feb.	..	448.2	369.4	95.9	95.8	48.7	29.1	825.2	261.9 1,087.1
Mar.	..	450.4	371.0	96.7	96.8	49.0	29.5	828.4	265.0 1,093.4
April	..	449.7	366.7	96.0	95.9	48.6	29.6	826.7	259.8 1,086.5
May	..	452.5	370.2	98.5	96.6	48.9	29.6	833.7	262.6 1,096.3
June	..	453.6	370.1	100.5	97.1	48.8	29.5	836.1	263.5 1,099.6
1962-63—July	..	453.2	371.1	101.1	97.2	48.9	29.0	837.2	263.3 1,100.5
Aug.	..	454.5	372.9	101.8	97.8	49.0	28.7	839.7	265.0 1,104.7
Sept.	..	455.8	375.3	101.5	98.3	49.3	28.5	841.9	266.8 1,108.7

(a) From June, 1956 to June, 1959, excludes National Service trainees in camp. Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961, the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1961. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1961-62 and ensuing years are tabulated.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.			
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.(c)(d)			Australia	Australia	Australia.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.			
Monthly Average—												
1952–53 ..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	25,526	4,458	29,984	7,140	1,408	(e) 415
1953–54 ..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	10,680	2,552	13,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954–55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	2,623	1,067	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955–56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	3,066	948	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956–57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	10,355	2,311	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957–58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	18,978	4,922	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958–59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	20,204	7,107	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
1959–60 ..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	14,713	5,993	20,706	8,722	2,290	344
1960–61 ..	7,332	4,884	6,263	1,732	2,200	576	17,243	5,795	23,038	8,505	2,397	437
1961–62 ..	18,932	14,782	10,261	3,748	2,908	1,522	39,694	12,570	52,264	9,379	2,334	475
Last Saturday of Month—												
1960–61—												
September ..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	7,924	3,859	11,783	8,974	2,262	61
October ..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	6,840	3,524	10,364	8,987	2,365	249
November ..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	7,236	3,424	10,660	8,877	2,451	66
December ..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13,647	3,986	17,633	8,216	2,447	193
January ..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	14,985	4,272	19,257	7,758	2,436	433
February ..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	15,854	5,087	20,941	8,166	2,463	95
March ..	6,809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	19,558	6,088	25,646	8,154	2,485	334
April ..	11,539	7,537	9,528	2,933	2,717	689	26,609	8,416	35,025	8,111	2,498	1,104
May ..	15,131	11,190	9,187	3,267	2,793	998	32,763	9,904	42,667	8,251	2,385	1,363
June ..	19,574	16,089	9,632	4,042	3,417	1,336	42,479	11,775	54,254	8,536	2,356	1,116
1961–62—												
July ..	23,198	19,798	7,781	4,948	3,762	1,814	48,057	13,442	61,499	9,016	2,279	1,677
August ..	23,988	20,302	7,312	4,848	3,473	2,023	48,890	13,176	62,066	9,278	2,263	1,383
September ..	21,027	19,380	7,637	6,273	2,963	2,182	47,603	11,958	59,561	9,067	2,295	953
October ..	17,619	14,738	7,951	3,623	2,843	1,673	37,675	10,856	48,531	9,369	2,289	449
November ..	16,324	13,130	8,754	3,278	2,376	1,575	34,993	10,552	45,545	9,299	2,265	233
December ..	20,311	13,356	14,654	3,695	3,187	1,398	45,024	11,732	56,756	8,829	2,375	208
January ..	19,836	13,680	15,262	3,587	3,197	1,385	44,976	12,129	57,105	8,859	2,394	251
February ..	17,917	11,416	13,793	2,844	2,811	1,225	37,556	12,556	50,112	9,288	2,383	74
March ..	16,528	11,062	12,142	2,599	2,544	913	33,075	12,795	45,870	9,769	2,432	159
April ..	17,558	13,325	11,286	3,157	2,646	1,093	34,804	14,332	49,136	9,654	2,346	143
May ..	15,910	12,868	9,126	3,072	2,428	1,199	31,278	13,390	44,668	9,844	2,297	53
June ..	16,967	14,338	7,432	3,057	2,667	1,778	32,401	13,923	46,324	10,270	2,391	118
1962–63—												
July ..	17,243	13,931	6,605	2,876	2,789	1,937	31,834	13,619	45,453	10,494	.	62
August ..	16,690	12,790	5,925	2,648	2,511	2,018	30,028	12,619	42,647	10,579	2,387	165
September ..	14,926	10,517	5,329	2,105	2,091	1,827	25,764	11,087	36,851	10,950	2,428	47
October ..	13,589	8,934	5,548	2,035	2,051	1,588	23,554	10,242	33,796	11,106	2,511	125

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.
 Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) In reception and training centres.
 (e) Eight months only.

(c) Includes Australian

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries. (b)	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (c)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Cloth- ing and Dra- pery.	Foot- wear.	Hard- ware. (d)	Electri- cal Goods. (e)	Furni- ture.	Chem- ists' Goods.	News- papers, Books and Stat- ionery.	Other Goods. (f)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehi- cles, etc.)	Motor Vehi- cles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(g)	
Quarterly Average—															
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5	
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		33.9	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.1	142.9	
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.0	26.1	23.0		99.6		537.7	153.3	
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.5	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.8		36.1	28.3	23.1	19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4		562.0	157.9		
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.3	34.4	24.4	109.7		585.5	171.2		
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2 | 16.2		39.4	39.9	25.0	23.8 | 18.7 | 70.4		613.4	186.2		
1959-60 ..	101.0	48.4	85.9	64.9	111.0 | 18.2		42.3	48.8	29.2	26.3 | 20.3 | 76.5		672.8	223.7		
1960-61 p ..	108.6	52.8	90.8	66.2	115.9 | 19.2		43.2	46.8	29.8	29.3 | 21.3 | 81.6		705.5	223.9		
1961-62 p ..	112.6	52.8	94.4	66.5	116.2 | 19.3		43.2	46.2	29.3	31.6 | 22.4 | 80.6		715.1	219.5		
Quarterly Total—															
1959-60—															
Dec. Qtr. ..	105.3	47.5	90.5	70.7	127.5	20.7	48.0	54.5	32.8	28.4 | 22.9 | 86.4		735.2	236.6		
Mar. , , ..	99.5	47.6	87.3	68.1	94.0	15.7	40.3	47.6	26.9	25.6 | 20.6 | 72.5		645.7	220.2		
June , , ..	101.8	50.6	85.5	61.7	120.9	19.5	41.2	48.9	29.5	26.9 | 19.3 | 77.1		682.9	233.3		
1960-61—															
Sept. , , ..	105.3	53.1	87.5	61.2	110.3	18.5	42.6	48.0	31.9	27.8 | 20.1 | 78.9		685.2	249.5		
Dec. , , ..	114.6	53.0	96.0	73.5	135.4	22.1	49.9	53.4	34.9	32.2 | 24.4 | 94.9		784.3	248.6		
Mar. , , ..	106.1	51.2	92.3	69.1	96.1	16.5	40.4	43.7	26.0	28.2 | 21.0 | 76.1		666.7	196.4		
June , , p ..	108.2	53.7	87.3	61.0	121.9	19.8	39.9	42.0	26.5	29.2 | 19.8 | 76.3		685.6	201.1		
1961-62 p—															
Sept. , , ..	112.5	53.5	90.7	60.9	108.1	18.5	41.0	42.2	28.9	30.0 | 20.7 | 77.3		684.3	202.1		
Dec. , , ..	118.7	52.8	98.6	73.0	133.0	21.5	48.3	51.7	33.7	34.5 | 25.5 | 92.0		783.3	222.5		
Mar. , , ..	106.9	52.1	95.4	68.8	97.9	16.5	41.4	44.6	26.2	30.3 | 22.4 | 74.3		676.8	219.4		
June , , ..	112.2	52.8	93.1	63.2	125.7	20.7	42.1	46.5	28.6	31.6 | 20.8 | 78.8		716.1	234.0		
1962-63 p—															
Sept. , , ..	116.2		210.0					248.6			131.5		706.3	256.6	
Monthly Total—															
1962 p—															
May ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	253.6	..
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	234.4	..
July ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r231.1	..
August ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r241.4	..
September ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r233.8	..
October ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250.5	..

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (g) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc. (h) For earlier monthly figures see page 2.

NOTE.—Figures from June quarter, 1961, are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES.

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include Hire Purchase, Time Payment, Budget Account, and Personal Loans relating primarily to financing of retail sales of goods.

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, AND BALANCES OUTSTANDING: AUSTRALIA.

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance).				Balances Outstanding at End of Period (Including Hiring Charges, etc.).
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total. (All Goods.)	
HIRE PURCHASE.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956–57	35,700	2,856	18,741	57,297	282,310
1958–59(a)	46,303	4,122	28,717	79,142	424,085
1959–60	55,891	4,986	30,989	91,866	508,216
1960–61	47,798	5,674	25,310	78,782	507,317
Quarterly Total—					
1959–60—					
December Quarter	61,878	6,044	34,290	102,212	479,887
March "	53,797	4,833	30,423	89,053	493,733
June "	55,944	5,038	29,758	90,740	508,216
1960–61—					
September "	59,584	5,496	29,150	94,230	524,064
December "	58,665	7,916	29,157	95,738	550,179
March "	36,596	4,543	23,238	64,377	528,811
June "	36,349	4,741	19,693	60,783	507,317
1961–62—					
September "	36,855	4,487	19,916	61,258	489,873
December "	43,306	6,714	23,204	73,224	485,956
March "	43,032	4,698	20,264	67,994	473,260
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956–57	64	35	9,076	9,175	22,607
1958–59(a)	688	168	14,215	15,071	47,141
1959–60	2,360	119	17,749	20,228	68,311
1960–61	2,037	94	21,369	23,500	90,911
Quarterly Total—					
1959–60—					
December Quarter	3,016	128	21,777	24,921	60,960
March "	2,777	101	14,597	17,475	63,252
June "	1,381	151	18,758	20,290	68,311
1960–61—					
September "	2,405	88	20,769	23,262	77,427
December "	2,994	147	28,018	31,159	90,097
March "	1,240	58	16,586	17,884	88,590
June "	1,510	82	20,102	21,694	90,911
1961–62—					
September "	1,936	130	20,435	22,501	91,152
December "	2,472	120	27,954	30,546	101,129
March "	2,479	129	19,194	21,802	102,498

(a) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES—*continued.*

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, AND BALANCES OUTSTANDING:
AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance).				Balances Outstanding at End of Period (including Hiring Charges, etc.).
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total. (All Goods.)	
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956–57	35,765	2,890	27,817	66,472	304,917
1958–59(a)	46,990	4,290	42,932	94,212	471,226
1959–60	58,252	5,104	48,738	112,094	576,527
1960–61	49,836	5,768	46,678	102,282	598,228
Quarterly Total—					
1959–60—					
March Quarter	56,574	4,934	45,020	106,528	556,985
June "	57,325	5,189	48,516	111,030	576,527
1960–61—					
September "	61,989	5,584	49,919	117,492	601,491
December "	61,659	8,063	57,175	126,897	640,276
March "	37,836	4,601	39,824	82,261	617,401
June "	37,859	4,823	39,795	82,477	598,228
1961–62—					
September "	38,791	4,617	40,351	83,759	581,025
December "	45,778	6,834	51,158	103,770	587,085
March "	45,511	4,827	39,458	89,796	575,758

(a) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING INTEREST, HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE):
STATES.

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

At—	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
HIRE PURCHASE.							
31st December, 1960 ..	213,619	150,550	74,178	57,242	40,264	14,326	550,179
31st March, 1961 ..	206,370	144,717	70,643	54,680	38,344	14,057	528,811
30th June, 1961 ..	200,227	136,602	68,058	50,838	38,050	13,542	507,317
30th September, 1961 ..	195,039	130,405	66,370	47,330	37,459	13,270	489,873
31st December, 1961 ..	194,006	128,697	65,491	45,757	38,598	13,407	485,956
31st March, 1962 ..	190,258	125,274	63,758	43,803	36,917	13,250	473,260
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT.							
31st December, 1960 ..	37,027	25,588	8,963	8,891	5,946	3,682	90,097
31st March, 1961 ..	36,515	24,941	8,713	9,180	5,585	3,656	88,590
30th June, 1961 ..	36,872	25,746	8,850	9,749	5,982	3,712	90,911
30th September, 1961 ..	37,708	24,277	9,086	9,929	6,358	3,794	91,152
31st December, 1961 ..	41,699	27,073	10,126	11,117	7,006	4,108	101,129
31st March, 1962 ..	41,633	27,432	10,323	11,645	7,435	4,030	102,498
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT.							
31st December, 1960 ..	250,646	176,138	83,141	66,133	46,210	18,008	640,276
31st March, 1961 ..	242,885	169,658	79,356	63,860	43,929	17,713	617,401
30th June, 1961 ..	237,099	162,348	76,908	60,587	44,032	17,254	598,228
30th September, 1961 ..	232,747	154,682	75,456	57,259	43,817	17,064	581,025
31st December, 1961 ..	235,705	155,770	75,617	56,874	45,604	17,515	587,085
31st March, 1962 ..	231,891	152,706	74,081	55,448	44,352	17,280	575,758

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES—*continued.*

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, COLLECTIONS AND BALANCES
OUTSTANDING: AUSTRALIA.

(NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period.(a)					Collections during Period.(b)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period.(b)		
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.		Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total. (All Goods.)				
	New.	Used.							
Monthly Average—									
1955–56 ..	10,113		772	2,948	13,833	(c)	201,612		
1956–57 ..	11,125		825	2,880	14,830	(c)	221,762		
1957–58 ..	12,969		897	4,783	18,649	(c)	280,670		
1958–59 ..	14,662		1,229	5,092	20,983	(c)	336,525		
1959–60 ..	18,053		1,463	5,360	24,876	26,346	403,332		
1960–61 ..	15,487		1,676	4,265	21,428	28,273	397,335		
Monthly Total—									
1960–61—									
July ..	18,070		1,601	5,078	24,749	27,318	408,146		
August ..	19,991		1,532	5,227	26,750	30,632	412,382		
September ..	19,647		1,642	4,803	26,092	28,643	418,304		
October ..	19,962		2,441	4,823	27,226	28,225	424,880		
November ..	21,969		2,746	5,102	29,817	29,209	434,639		
December ..	15,493		1,966	4,966	22,425	26,056	438,086		
January ..	11,939		1,355	4,327	17,621	26,689	434,155		
February ..	10,325		1,163	3,616	15,104	28,127	425,242		
March ..	13,076		1,482	3,579	18,137	30,071	416,723		
April ..	11,754		1,400	3,038	16,192	27,235	410,744		
May ..	12,567		1,496	3,450	17,513	29,377	404,727		
June ..	11,051		1,294	3,168	15,513	27,688	397,335		
1961–62—									
July ..	5,472	5,484	1,243	2,788	14,987	26,662	390,321		
August ..	6,516	6,107	1,362	3,104	17,089	27,270	385,368		
September ..	6,423	6,037	1,403	3,021	16,884	25,333	382,085		
October ..	7,633	6,762	2,122	3,592	20,109	27,417	379,668		
November ..	7,885	7,046	2,457	3,644	21,032	27,193	379,453		
December ..	7,256	6,622	1,509	3,703	19,090	24,366	379,307		
January ..	6,630	7,184	1,324	3,407	18,545	27,248	376,465		
February ..	6,916	6,593	1,397	2,927	17,833	27,515	371,998		
March ..	8,150	7,804	1,610	3,266	20,830	29,160	369,316		
April p ..	14,198		1,343	2,965	18,506	24,311	367,872		
May p ..	17,537		1,568	3,658	22,763	28,638	368,024		
June p ..	17,333		1,404	3,356	22,093	25,835	370,335		
July(e) ..	19,000		1,400	3,400	23,800	27,000	(d)375,400		
1962–63—									

(a) Excludes hiring charges, interest and insurance.
available. (d) Provisional estimate 31st August, £m.376.0; 30th September, £m.380.0; 31st October, £m.385.0.
(e) Preliminary estimate to the nearest hundred thousand.

(b) Includes hiring charges, interest and insurance.
(c) Not

available.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.	Net Sales Recorded.						
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.				
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2				
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5				
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8				
1955-56	66.5	154.8	221.3				
1956-57	65.1	168.1	233.2				
1957-58	70.8	175.5	246.3				
1958-59	74.2	179.3	253.5				
1959-60	85.0	196.2	281.2				
1960-61	86.7	203.9	290.6				
1961-62	87.5	r201.3	r288.8				
Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.							
	2½%	8½%	12½%	16⅔%	22½%	25%	30%
Monthly Total—							
1960-61—							
October 18.7 41.4 10.9 .. 8.8 18.9	98.7	206.4	305.1				
November 21.6 45.8 11.9 .. 9.4 18.5	112.1	249.3	361.4				
December 19.6 46.7 10.1 .. 10.2 ..	98.7	209.8	308.5				
January 11.5 33.5 7.6 .. 5.6 ..	66.0	170.5	236.5				
February 14.3 36.4 8.4 .. 6.3 2.7	74.7	192.9	267.6				
March 15.2 38.5 8.9 .. 7.0 13.3	82.9	210.1	293.0				
April 12.8 32.3 8.3 .. 6.3 11.0	70.7	182.2	252.9				
May 15.2 35.4 9.6 .. 7.0 11.9	79.1	206.6	285.7				
June 12.6 35.7 8.8 .. 6.8 10.7	74.6	209.1	283.7				
1961-62—							
July 13.6 33.8 8.3 .. 7.0 10.1	72.8	180.2	253.0				
August .. 8.5 8.2 38.8 8.9 .. 8.2 11.8	84.4	200.4	284.8				
September .. 17.3 .. 40.4 9.0 .. 8.0 11.9	86.6	201.7	288.3				
October .. 18.5 .. 45.3 9.3 .. 8.2 13.4	94.7	206.1	300.8				
November .. 21.4 .. 46.0 9.6 .. 9.2 13.8	100.0	219.3	319.3				
December .. 20.8 .. 45.4 8.9 .. 9.9 12.7	97.7	193.1	290.8				
January .. 13.3 .. 34.2 8.3 .. 6.3 10.8	72.9	178.9	251.8				
February .. 20.1 .. 43.5 2.0 11.0 6.9 2.3	85.8	197.9	283.7				
March .. 17.4 .. 49.2 .. 15.7 8.2 ..	90.5	r214.4	r304.9				
April .. 15.3 .. 43.8 .. 13.5 7.5 ..	80.1	192.4	272.5				
May .. 23.2 .. 49.7 .. 16.1 9.0 ..	98.0	230.5	328.5				
June r .. 15.1 .. 45.6 .. 17.8 7.8 ..	86.3	201.0	287.3				
1962-63—							
July(a) .. 16.7 .. 47.4 .. 17.7 8.2 ..	90.0	203.2	293.2				
August(a) .. 18.7 .. 51.3 .. 20.6 9.1 ..	99.7	220.4	320.1				

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated

NOTE.—During 1960-61 taxable sales at the rate of 40 per cent. amounted to £31.4 million.

For meaning of symbols r, ., see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total. (c)									
	Class I. A.	Class I. B.	Motor Vehicle Assembly.(ab)	Other. (c)	Class I. c (5)	Class I. c (1-4).	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.							
Monthly																
Average—		%		%		%										
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7			3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
1959-60 ..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,580	39.7	40,530	52.6	2,178	2.8	2,425	3.2	1,035	1.3
1960-61 ..	3,433	3.8	978	1.1	7,142	7.9	36,899	40.8	48,452	53.6	2,222	2.4	3,212	3.6	651	0.7
1961-62 p ..	2,279	3.1	1,022	1.4	4,062	5.5	28,860	39.3	36,223	49.3	2,140	2.9	2,582	3.5	796	1.1
Monthly																
Total—																
1960-61—																
August ..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,224	41.2	57,344	55.7	2,412	2.3	3,689	3.6	1,109	1.1
September ..	4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,992	42.1	49,264	56.1	2,468	2.8	2,545	2.9	668	0.8
October ..	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	42,317	42.0	55,375	55.1	2,628	2.6	3,877	3.9	426	0.4
November ..	3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,287	43.0	48,927	54.8	1,902	2.1	4,257	4.7	371	0.4
December ..	3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,509	38.8	47,083	51.4	1,796	2.0	3,840	4.2	550	0.6
January ..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	39,196	39.2	51,847	51.9	3,233	3.3	2,937	3.0	1,234	1.2
February ..	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,484	41.6	51,438	54.2	1,385	1.5	4,002	4.2	336	0.4
March ..	3,051	3.4	930	1.1	7,871	8.8	34,090	38.1	45,942	51.4	1,775	2.0	3,468	3.9	401	0.4
April ..	2,286	2.6	775	0.9	7,637	8.8	33,959	39.2	44,657	51.5	3,219	3.7	2,637	3.1	349	0.4
May ..	2,444	3.1	1,078	1.4	5,631	7.1	32,129	40.8	41,282	52.4	1,706	2.2	2,607	3.3	653	0.8
June ..	2,254	3.0	1,466	2.0	3,782	5.1	30,153	40.4	37,655	50.5	2,109	2.8	1,929	2.6	779	1.1
1961-62 p—																
July ..	1,664	2.4	1,197	1.7	3,515	5.0	26,985	38.7	33,361	47.8	2,372	3.4	2,865	4.1	522	0.8
August ..	1,969	2.7	925	1.3	4,239	5.8	27,611	37.8	34,744	47.6	1,776	2.4	2,720	3.7	1,414	2.0
September ..	1,827	2.7	1,389	2.1	2,259	3.4	26,244	39.5	31,719	47.7	2,557	3.8	2,400	3.6	922	1.3
October ..	2,084	3.0	1,248	1.8	2,353	3.4	26,317	38.5	32,002	46.7	1,471	2.1	3,431	5.0	1,147	1.7
November ..	2,016	2.9	844	1.2	2,517	3.6	27,318	39.0	32,695	46.7	1,974	2.8	3,247	4.7	478	0.7
December ..	1,955	3.2	832	1.3	2,523	4.1	26,261	42.4	31,571	51.0	918	1.5	1,834	3.0	395	0.6
January ..	2,616	3.2	962	1.1	3,780	4.6	33,277	40.6	40,635	49.5	2,512	3.1	2,791	3.4	988	1.2
February ..	2,150	3.1	921	1.3	3,897	5.6	27,641	40.0	34,609	50.0	2,543	3.7	1,861	2.7	644	0.9
March ..	2,786	3.6	850	1.1	5,750	7.4	29,107	37.6	38,493	49.7	2,397	3.1	2,385	3.0	694	0.9
April ..	2,165	3.0	901	1.3	4,633	6.5	27,183	38.2	34,882	49.0	1,712	2.4	2,172	3.1	684	1.0
May ..	3,260	3.6	1,073	1.2	6,849	7.5	35,450	39.1	46,632	51.4	3,186	3.5	2,442	2.7	1,053	1.1
June ..	2,862	3.5	1,118	1.4	6,431	7.9	32,938	40.3	43,349	53.1	2,270	2.8	2,745	3.4	620	0.8
1962-63 p—																
July ..	2,920	3.3	936	1.0	7,022	7.9	34,196	38.4	45,074	50.6	2,876	3.2	2,962	3.3	516	0.6
August ..	3,188	3.3	1,243	1.3	9,480	9.7	35,513	36.4	49,424	50.7	2,865	2.9	3,101	3.2	336	0.4
September ..	2,894	3.3	1,523	1.7	7,410	8.5	33,869	38.7	45,696	52.2	1,566	1.8	2,313	2.6	518	0.6

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in Classes VI. e-j and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I. c. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class V.B. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c. (5).

For meaning of symbols, p —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.					Finished Consumer Goods.						
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other. (a)	Total. (a)			
		Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.								
		Class IV.	Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.				
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4 (b)	1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1
1959-60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0
1960-61 ..	16,534	18.3	1,438	1.6	1,715	1.9	3,470	3.8	650	0.7	12,100	13.4
1961-62 p ..	14,165	19.3	1,035	1.4	1,575	2.1	3,302	4.5	527	0.7	11,208	15.2
Monthly Total—												
1960-61—												
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,008	12.6
September ..	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9
November ..	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9
December ..	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6
February ..	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6
March ..	17,778	19.9	1,530	1.7	1,263	1.4	4,045	4.5	961	1.1	12,233	13.7
April ..	16,595	19.1	1,101	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,599	4.1	686	0.8	11,543	13.3
May ..	15,094	19.1	1,116	1.4	1,697	2.2	3,299	4.2	421	0.5	11,016	13.9
June ..	15,282	20.5	809	1.1	1,576	2.1	3,016	4.0	376	0.5	11,045	14.8
1961-62 p—												
July ..	13,907	19.9	769	1.1	2,182	3.1	2,842	4.1	582	0.8	10,361	14.9
August ..	13,756	18.9	824	1.1	2,481	3.4	3,387	4.6	637	0.9	11,251	15.4
September ..	12,081	18.0	870	1.3	1,006	1.5	3,405	5.1	565	0.8	11,325	16.9
October ..	12,514	18.2	921	1.3	1,652	2.4	3,932	5.7	324	0.5	11,264	16.4
November ..	14,092	20.1	970	1.4	2,112	3.0	3,195	4.6	366	0.5	10,867	15.5
December ..	11,454	18.5	639	1.1	1,560	2.5	3,168	5.1	348	0.6	9,986	16.1
January ..	15,480	18.9	1,213	1.5	1,820	2.2	3,782	4.6	704	0.8	12,113	14.8
February ..	13,382	19.4	970	1.4	963	1.4	2,758	4.0	629	0.9	10,818	15.6
March ..	15,684	20.2	1,758	2.3	1,120	1.4	3,519	4.5	667	0.9	10,887	14.0
April ..	13,693	19.2	1,045	1.5	1,643	2.3	3,368	4.7	546	0.8	11,397	16.0
May ..	17,810	19.6	1,275	1.4	1,329	1.5	3,544	3.9	461	0.5	13,085	14.4
June ..	16,134	19.7	1,167	1.4	1,040	1.3	2,730	3.3	490	0.6	11,150	13.6
1962-63 p—												
July ..	17,002	19.1	1,510	1.7	1,763	2.0	3,176	3.6	628	0.7	13,529	15.2
August ..	19,421	19.9	2,040	2.1	1,795	1.8	2,760	2.8	747	0.8	15,005	15.4
September ..	17,296	19.7	1,583	1.8	1,105	1.3	3,332	3.8	647	0.7	13,512	15.5

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 16. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c (5).

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)(a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.)(b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)				
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.	
Monthly											
Average—											
1936-37	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1955-56	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959-60	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
1960-61	13,395	7,377	27,689	785	1,571	13,847	14,180	12,783	63,481	90,444
1961-62 p	11,704	5,587	18,970	733	1,508	12,797	12,437	10,494	50,618	73,549
Monthly Total—											
1960-61—											
September	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	59,073	87,863
October	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	72,059	100,043
November	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	61,130	89,558
December	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,563	91,595
January	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,683	99,775
February	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,600	94,805
March	10,988	7,010	27,913	982	1,672	14,585	11,970	12,140	65,286	89,396
April	12,791	7,213	24,743	849	1,597	13,382	13,640	13,552	59,547	86,739
May	13,172	5,598	22,554	1,039	1,372	12,325	14,211	10,014	54,666	78,891
June	13,026	5,216	19,430	840	1,515	12,082	13,866	10,074	50,636	74,576
1961-62 p—											
July	10,456	4,501	18,386	797	1,430	11,558	11,253	9,467	49,043	69,763
August	11,404	4,411	18,890	819	1,865	12,591	12,223	9,360	51,407	72,990
September	12,773	4,765	14,468	814	1,655	12,826	13,587	10,100	43,163	66,850
October	11,936	4,599	15,527	841	1,474	13,205	12,777	8,714	47,167	68,658
November	10,694	4,751	17,257	583	1,294	12,551	11,277	9,199	49,520	69,996
December	10,680	4,733	16,108	544	1,694	11,264	11,224	8,366	42,283	61,873
January	11,633	6,823	22,191	795	1,515	14,289	12,428	12,224	57,386	82,038
February	11,361	5,588	17,636	546	1,168	12,491	11,907	10,452	46,818	69,177
March	11,725	5,809	21,079	670	1,517	12,886	12,395	11,070	54,139	77,604
April	10,065	5,927	18,912	757	1,333	13,221	10,822	10,230	50,090	71,142
May	13,231	8,130	25,353	1,020	1,609	14,461	14,251	14,534	62,032	90,817
June	14,498	7,004	21,838	607	1,537	12,226	15,105	12,216	54,374	81,695
1962-63 p—											
July	7,889	12,465	24,720	598	1,774	14,961	8,487	18,687	61,862	89,036
August	8,026	13,185	28,213	759	1,177	16,576	8,785	19,027	69,682	97,494
September	7,764	13,354	24,578	673	1,661	15,157	8,437	18,198	60,933	87,568
October									r 93,623	
November									95,100	

(a) See note (c), page 16. (b) See note (a), page 17. (c) See note (g), page 16.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38 ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39 ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1955-56 ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57 ..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58 ..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59 ..	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60 ..	7,386	2,387	6,402	775	756	2,228	2,648	32,180	1,358	77,163
1960-61 ..	6,022	1,638	10,117	864	758	2,930	2,266	27,871	1,361	77,337
1961-62 p	7,472	1,962	13,320	1,121	863	2,825	2,688	31,066	1,585	89,056
Monthly Total—										
1960-61—										
September ..	5,987	835	7,268	189	374	6,551	2,462	17,435	1,559	64,473
October ..	5,461	1,784	6,777	145	649	3,947	2,137	25,581	1,491	68,726
November ..	4,556	2,163	8,060	78	812	3,011	2,125	33,510	1,681	76,772
December ..	5,981	2,683	6,634	70	903	3,275	2,196	34,720	788	77,145
January ..	4,809	3,471	9,187	39	194	2,463	1,851	33,033	1,062	76,549
February ..	5,860	2,929	11,020	160	64	1,475	2,152	28,675	1,615	79,080
March ..	6,257	1,592	15,528	851	145	3,033	2,340	32,527	1,501	86,415
April ..	4,335	720	14,424	2,606	628	2,441	1,850	28,590	1,190	81,359
May ..	5,998	517	15,563	3,519	1,233	2,441	2,754	28,774	1,079	92,641
June ..	7,977	929	13,675	2,216	2,003	3,165	2,671	30,982	1,412	97,315
1961-62 p—										
July ..	7,077	799	15,466	445	1,113	2,854	2,748	27,939	1,395	85,870
August ..	7,939	1,251	14,594	296	1,893	2,707	3,050	18,053	1,071	77,071
September ..	7,095	2,109	15,825	129	1,257	7,137	2,714	18,092	1,088	81,173
October ..	8,769	1,785	13,399	184	931	2,517	3,050	36,677	2,033	95,604
November ..	7,974	4,734	11,929	210	152	2,014	3,101	43,593	1,121	100,908
December ..	7,260	2,834	6,473	87	271	3,304	2,304	37,059	1,546	82,966
January ..	8,130	3,102	15,379	110	152	1,887	2,153	38,150	1,299	94,960
February ..	7,255	1,503	12,693	257	304	875	2,464	32,053	1,929	85,902
March ..	7,618	1,010	10,982	1,824	588	3,131	2,411	33,591	1,779	89,188
April ..	5,837	1,356	11,566	3,088	867	2,595	2,472	32,015	1,517	86,290
May ..	6,997	1,876	18,311	4,232	2,081	2,050	2,948	28,558	1,746	100,853
June ..	7,712	1,179	13,270	2,592	746	2,823	2,904	27,014	2,503	87,100
1962-63 p—										
July ..	9,988	669	13,402	520	726	2,514	3,009	25,892	1,719	80,210
August ..	10,219	996	7,618	206	1,506	6,657	3,435	16,500	1,112	74,031
September ..	9,958	2,307	5,832	104	1,683	6,880	3,238	21,631	1,659	74,286
October ..	10,098	1,495	4,958	324	1,323	3,981	3,617	34,037	1,375	r 87,388
November ..										102,600

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX.

The table below sets out Export Price Index numbers on the reference base: Year 1959-60 = 100. This current Export Price Index was first published for August, 1962, and has been compiled for each month from July, 1959. It replaced the previous Export Price Index which was published on the reference base: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.

A full description of the current index and its relationship with the previous index is given in Statistical Bulletin S.B. 134 of 8th October, 1962.

Index numbers of the previous Export Price Index, converted to the base: Year 1959-60 = 100 are set out on page 21.

(Base of each Index: Year 1959-60 = 100.)

Period.		Wool.	Meats.	Dairy Produce.	Cereals.	Dried and Canned Fruits.	Sugar.	Hides and Tallow.	Metals and Coal.	Gold.	All Groups
1959-60	.. ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1960-61	.. ..	92	104	82	99	99	101	92	97	100	95
1961-62	.. ..	97	p100	81	106	p95	p91	84	91	100	p96
1959-60—											
August	.. ..	105	98	105	102	103	103	116	98	100	103
September	.. ..	101	94	108	100	102	98	113	98	100	100
October	.. ..	101	93	110	99	102	99	107	99	100	100
November	.. ..	99	91	112	100	102	103	92	100	100	100
December	.. ..	103	96	112	100	102	103	96	101	100	102
January	.. ..	103	101	108	100	98	99	96	102	100	102
February	.. ..	98	106	98	99	96	98	96	101	100	99
March	.. ..	98	104	91	99	98	100	94	101	100	98
April	.. ..	101	107	85	100	99	99	91	103	100	100
May	.. ..	98	104	85	99	97	101	91	102	100	98
June	.. ..	98	105	86	100	95	99	91	101	100	98
1960-61—											
July	.. ..	92	105	89	99	96	98	88	100	100	95
August	.. ..	85	103	86	98	96	99	88	99	100	91
September	.. ..	86	102	82	102	98	102	95	98	100	92
October	.. ..	85	101	85	102	98	103	97	97	101	92
November	.. ..	89	98	84	100	99	98	96	97	101	93
December	.. ..	88	99	83	99	99	99	92	95	101	92
January	.. ..	89	100	82	98	99	97	92	95	101	92
February	.. ..	92	108	80	98	100	98	92	95	101	95
March	.. ..	94	110	78	98	100	98	96	96	100	96
April	.. ..	101	109	78	99	98	101	94	95	100	99
May	.. ..	101	107	78	99	101	100	90	97	100	99
June	.. ..	99	108	78	99	101	117	88	95	100	99
1961-62—											
July	.. ..	(a) 99	101	78	100	100	110	90	93	100	98
August	.. ..	99	101	78	101	98	102	92	93	101	98
September	.. ..	98	100	78	101	98	94	90	91	100	96
October	.. ..	94	103	77	102	96	90	86	90	100	94
November	.. ..	92	100	79	102	95	87	83	91	100	93
December	.. ..	92	p99	84	105	96	89	83	91	100	p94
January	.. ..	92	p101	83	107	95	p87	83	90	100	p94
February	.. ..	98	p101	83	108	93	p82	82	91	100	p97
March	.. ..	99	p97	83	107	93	p84	81	91	100	p97
April	.. ..	99	p97	82	111	93	p90	81	90	100	p98
May	.. ..	99	p97	82	112	p93	p85	79	90	100	p98
June	.. ..	99	p97	86	112	p92	p87	78	90	100	p98
1962-63—											
July	.. ..	98	99	85	112	90	86	76	89	100	97
August	.. ..	92	101	85	112	91	88	75	86	100	94
September	.. ..	92	102	85	111	91	86	74	p87	100	94

(a) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX.

PREVIOUS EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS CONVERTED TO BASE: YEAR 1959-60 = 100.
(See notes at top of page 20.)

Year.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals.	Meats.	Sugar.	Dried Fruits.	Tallow.	Hides.	All Groups Excl. Gold.	Gold.	All Groups.
1936-37 ..	29	37	29	28	23	23	30	40	31	30	56	30
1937-38 ..	23	33	34	22	25	20	30	33	27	26	55	27
1938-39 ..	19	20	32	20	22	23	27	26	24	21	58	22
1952-53 ..	145	134	99	118	73	111	85	119	101	128	104	128
1953-54 ..	145	123	103	105	78	106	82	106	92	126	101	125
1954-55 ..	127	107	99	119	80	98	77	116	60	115	100	114
1955-56 ..	109	97	102	131	82	100	82	117	65	105	100	105
1956-57 ..	136	98	79	127	85	111	91	118	66	118	100	117
1957-58 ..	111	107	69	93	77	115	98	122	66	102	100	102
1958-59 ..	85	105	73	90	91	105	110	122	92	89	100	90
1959-60 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

EXPORT PRICE INDEX AND INDEX OF VALUE OF EXPORTS AT CONSTANT PRICES.

Period.	Export Price Index (a) (Base: Year 1959-60=100).		Index of Value of Exports(b) at Constant Prices (Base: Year 1955-56 = 100).				
	All Groups Excl. Gold.	All Groups.	Foodstuffs.	Wool and Sheepskins.	Minerals, Metals and Metal Manufactures.(c)	Other Exports.	All Exports.
1955-56 ..	105	105	100	100	100	100	100
1956-57 ..	118	117	102	113	151	109	113
1957-58 ..	102	102	82	103	143	117	101
1958-59 ..	89	90	106	113	145	120	115
1959-60 ..	100	100	108	124	152	129	122
1960-61 ..	94	95	120	120	175	152	129
1961-62 p ..	96	96	143	126	214	169	145
1960-61—							
January ..	92	92	{}				
February ..	94	95		128	133	162	155
March ..	96	96					
April ..	99	99					
May ..	99	99		157	121	198	178
June ..	99	99					
1961-62—			p	p	p	p	p
July ..	98	98	{}				
August ..	98	98		150	90	203	171
September ..	96	96					
October ..	94	94					
November ..	93	93		131	158	213	171
December p ..	94	94					
January p ..	94	94	{}				
February p ..	97	97		136	138	214	159
March p ..	97	97					
April p ..	98	98					
May p ..	98	98		155	119	226	174
June p ..	98	98					
1962-63 p—			p	p	p	p	p
July ..	97	97	{}				
August ..	94	94		136	93	183	171
September ..	94	94					

(a) New index linked to previous index at year 1959-60.

(b) Excludes gold.

(c) Excludes machinery.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Index: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (b)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materi-als.	Total.		Goods prin-cipally Imported (c)	Goods prin-cipally Home Produced (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375	348
1960-61 ..	399	222	387	331	341	439	346	372	278	394	360
1961-62 ..	392	212	400	333	302	439	340	332	270	363	336
1960-61—											
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410	372
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407	370
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399	364
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390	357
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386	355
January ..	399	219	380	332	323	439	344	359	278	384	352
February ..	397	219	389	332	322	438	344	362	276	386	354
March ..	397	220	395	332	324	438	345	367	276	391	357
April ..	395	221	413	332	325	439	346	371	277	394	359
May ..	395	221	413	332	318	439	345	365	277	389	356
June ..	393	218	408	332	303	439	342	362	274	386	353
1961-62—											
July ..	393	217	407	333	307	439	343	350	275	377	347
August ..	393	217	407	333	322	439	343	342	274	371	343
September ..	393	214	402	333	329	439	342	335	272	366	338
October ..	393	212	391	333	314	439	340	324	271	357	332
November ..	393	211	385	333	297	439	339	322	272	354	330
December ..	393	211	385	333	286	439	339	326	270	358	332
January ..	393	211	386	333	292	439	339	329	268	361	334
February ..	390	211	402	333	288	439	339	329	267	362	334
March ..	390	211	410	334	297	439	340	328	269	360	333
April ..	390	211	410	334	304	439	340	327	267	361	333
May ..	392	211	410	334	299	439	340	330	271	361	334
June ..	389	211	410	333	293	439	339	337	269	367	338
1962-63—											
July ..	389	211	405	r 317	290	439	r 337	342	269	370	340
August ..	387	211	390	r 317	284	439	335	346	270	371	341
September ..	389	210	390	317	281	439	336	342	270	367	339

(a) Special purpose index for the " Metals and Coal " group excluding Coal and Briquettes for September, 1962, is 430.

(b) During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For September, 1962, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions are: " Foodstuffs and Tobacco ", 348; " Goods Principally Home Produced ", 372; " Total All Groups ", 342. (c) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, etc.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of Each Index: Year 1958 = 100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	South Africa. (a)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1955	98	96	81	97	99	93	97	102	93
1956	102	99	85	99	104	96	98	106	96
1957	102	100	90	100	107	97	100	107	99
1958	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1959	101	101	105	99	101	102	100	101	100
1960	107	101	107	100	103	102	101	101	100
1961	103	102	110	102	107	102	101	100	100
Quarter—									
1961—June ..	106	102	108	102	107	102	100	101	100
September ..	102	103	109	102	108	102	101	100	100
December ..	99	103	112	102	108	102	101	99	100
1962—March ..	100	104	112	103	107	101	101	101	100
June ..	100	105	113	103	106	101	101	100	100
September ..	p102	106	112	(b) 103	(b) 106		(b) 101	99	100

(a) Beginning 1961, base November, 1960 = 100.

(b) Average for July and August.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of Each Index: Year 1958 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1955	91	93	83	94	97	91	92	89	93
1956	96	94	85	96	97	94	94	-94-	94
1957	99	97	-87-	98	100	96	97	97	97
1958	100	100	100	100	100	100	-100-	100	100
1959	102	101	106	101	101	104	101	101	101
1960	106	102	110	102	105	105	103	102	102
1961	108	103	114	105	110	106	105	105	103
Quarter—									
1961—June ..	109	103	112	105	108	105	105	104	103
September ..	109	103	113	106	111	107	105	106	104
December ..	108	104	116	106	114	108	105	107	104
1962—March ..	108	104	117	107	116	108	105	-108-	104
June ..	108	104	118	109	117	109	106	110	104
September ..	108	105	(c) 119		(c) 119		(c) 107	(c) 110	105

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1958 = 100.
for July and August.

(b) European families' expenditure.

* (c) Average

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. It has been compiled for periods from September quarter, 1948. A full description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report, No. 48, 1960.

GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.		Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups.
Year ended June—							
1953..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954..	..	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955..	..	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956..	..	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957..	..	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958..	..	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959..	..	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960..	..	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
1961..	..	127.7	111.6	144.8	111.2	127.3	123.8
1962..	..	125.5	112.8	150.7	112.7	128.1	124.3
Quarter—							
1955-56—June	..	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
1956-57—September	..	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	..	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
March	..	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June	..	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
1957-58—September	..	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	..	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
March	..	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June	..	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
1958-59—September	..	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	..	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
March	..	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June	..	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
1959-60—September	..	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	..	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
March	..	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June	..	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
1960-61—September	..	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
December	..	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
March	..	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2
June	..	129.4	112.4	148.0	111.9	127.7	125.0
1961-62—September	..	128.1	112.4	148.5	112.6	127.9	124.8
December	..	125.3	112.9	150.5	112.7	128.3	124.3
March	..	124.7	112.9	151.0	112.7	128.0	124.1
June	..	123.7	112.9	152.6	112.8	128.2	124.0
1962-63—September	..	124.2	113.0	153.3	112.8	128.4	124.3

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 24. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Year ended June—							
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
1961	122.1	125.9	125.4	122.9	121.2	127.5	123.8
1962	122.6	126.3	127.3	122.5	121.6	128.1	124.3
Quarter—							
1955-56—June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
1956-57—September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
1957-58—September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
1958-59—September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
1959-60—September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
1960-61—September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2
June ..	123.4	127.1	126.1	124.3	122.4	128.9	125.0
1961-62—September ..	123.1	126.8	127.0	123.5	121.7	129.1	124.8
December ..	122.5	126.5	127.1	122.5	121.3	128.3	124.3
March ..	122.4	125.9	127.7	122.1	121.5	127.5	124.1
June ..	122.3	125.9	127.3	121.9	121.8	127.5	124.0
1962-63—September ..	122.7	126.2	127.5	121.9	122.1	127.6	124.3

SHARE PRICE INDEX.

This index relates to ordinary shares of the principal companies (excluding banks) listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange, whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. The total index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of thirty-four miscellaneous shares.

INDEX OF PRICES OF SHARES ON SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Twenty-three Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	Ten Retail Companies.	Four Pastoral and Finance Companies.	Four Insurance Companies.	Total Seventy-five Companies.	Thirty-four Active Shares included in foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39 ..	999	933	841	965	969	963
1956-57 ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653
1957-58 ..	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803
1958-59 ..	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978
1959-60 ..	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743
1960-61 ..	3,223	2,866	2,095	4,888	2,787	2,855
1961-62 ..	3,359	2,872	1,915	5,620	2,949	2,932
1960-61—						
September ..	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117
October ..	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994
November ..	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740
December ..	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662
January ..	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716
February ..	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766
March ..	3,085	2,731	1,919	4,747	2,631	2,745
April ..	3,102	2,730	1,871	4,749	2,665	2,754
May ..	3,117	2,759	1,898	4,899	2,682	2,794
June ..	3,224	2,874	1,881	5,219	2,794	2,884
1961-62—						
July ..	3,260	2,807	1,882	5,272	2,799	2,878
August ..	3,202	2,759	1,845	5,251	2,782	2,865
September ..	3,237	2,739	1,829	5,267	2,809	2,863
October ..	3,243	2,731	1,767	5,337	2,829	2,838
November ..	3,230	2,768	1,778	5,493	2,857	2,864
December ..	3,211	2,765	1,829	5,416	2,857	2,839
January ..	3,349	2,879	1,889	5,531	2,969	2,914
February ..	3,536	3,030	1,954	5,659	3,122	3,046
March ..	3,559	3,045	2,085	5,694	3,113	3,046
April ..	3,513	3,056	2,061	5,670	3,072	3,005
May ..	3,549	3,028	2,044	6,440	3,143	3,078
June ..	3,412	2,861	2,018	6,408	3,037	2,946
1962-63—						
July ..	3,394	2,841	1,968	6,130	3,030	2,944
August ..	3,339	2,866	1,976	6,164	3,011	2,927
September ..	3,211	2,840	1,901	5,851	2,907	2,836
October ..	3,181	2,922	1,938	5,770	2,908	2,850

(a) Converted from original base, par values.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
	Rates.	Index Nos. (Base 1954 =100.0).					

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)

		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
30th June—									
1939 ..	..	99 10	97 3	96 10	94 4	100 3	91 9	98 0	34.7
1953 ..	..	284 10	274 7	260 1	270 6	279 6	280 2	276 9	98.0
1954 ..	..	287 8	278 8	269 7	273 7	283 9	283 9	281 0	99.5
1955 ..	..	298 2	290 7	278 1	284 4	292 5	292 0	291 6	103.2
1956 ..	..	311 10	305 9	292 2	295 10	305 3	311 11	305 7	108.2
1957 ..	..	324 0	315 9	302 10	306 5	317 9	319 0	316 8	112.1
1958 ..	..	329 7	319 1	310 9	312 0	319 6	322 11	321 7	113.9
1959 ..	..	338 3	330 8	326 10	328 0	327 2	333 3	332 9	117.8
1960 ..	..	356 6	349 6	344 8	341 10	350 4	349 8	350 11	124.3
1960—									
31st August	..	358 7	349 9	347 3	342 1	355 9	350 8	352 8	124.9
30th September	..	358 7	349 9	347 4	342 1	355 10	350 9	352 8	124.9
31st October	..	358 8	349 9	350 0	342 1	357 11	350 10	353 4	125.1
30th November	..	362 7	349 11	350 8	342 1	357 11	351 2	355 0	125.7
31st December	..	362 10	349 11	350 8	342 2	358 1	351 6	355 0	125.7
1961—									
31st January	..	363 0	350 1	353 11	342 3	359 11	352 1	355 9	126.0
28th February	..	364 9	350 2	354 0	342 4	359 11	352 1	356 6	126.2
31st March	..	365 4	350 2	354 1	342 4	360 1	352 3	356 8	126.3
30th April	..	365 4	350 3	354 1	342 4	360 1	352 3	356 8	126.3
31st May	..	366 10	350 5	357 4	342 4	362 5	352 4	357 11	126.7
30th June	..	366 10	350 6	357 4	342 4	362 5	352 4	357 11	126.7
31st July	..	372 1	360 4	359 8	354 4	364 11	362 6	364 9	129.2
31st August	..	373 9	362 2	359 8	354 5	365 0	362 8	365 10	129.5
30th September	..	373 9	362 2	359 8	354 5	365 0	362 9	365 11	129.6
31st October	..	373 9	362 1	359 8	354 5	363 8	362 8	365 9	129.5
30th November	..	373 3	362 1	359 9	354 6	363 9	362 10	365 8	129.5
31st December	..	373 4	362 1	359 10	354 7	363 9	362 10	365 8	129.5
1962—									
31st January	..	373 3	363 2	359 10	354 7	363 9	362 10	366 0	129.6
28th February	..	372 9	363 2	359 10	354 8	363 9	362 10	365 9	129.5
31st March	..	372 8	363 3	359 10	354 8	363 9	362 10	365 9	129.5
30th April	..	372 8	363 4	359 10	354 8	363 9	362 10	365 10	129.5
31st May	..	372 9	363 4	359 10	354 8	363 10	362 10	365 10	129.5
30th June	..	372 8	363 4	359 10	355 3	363 10	362 10	365 10	129.5
31st July	..	372 9	363 4	359 8	355 3	364 0	362 11	365 10	129.5
31st August	..	372 1	363 4	359 8	355 3	364 0	363 0	365 7	129.4
30th September	..	372 0	363 4	359 8	355 3	364 0	363 4	365 7	129.4

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

30th September 1962	..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96	100.0
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excluding Rural, and Shipping and Stevedoring.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA.(a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATES.

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)				State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage.(d)	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)												
30th June—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ..	79 8	17 2	0 3	97 1	81 3	17 2	0 5	98 10	80 5	17 2	0 5	98 0
1953 ..	234 9	39 0	3 4	277 1	233 7	38 11	4 0	276 6	234 2	38 11	3 8	276 9
1954 ..	237 4	39 2	3 4	279 10	237 9	40 0	4 6	282 3	237 6	39 7	3 11	281 0
1955 ..	237 4	52 1	2 4	291 9	237 8	48 9	4 9	291 2	237 6	50 6	3 6	291 6
1956 ..	248 6	53 0	2 4	303 10	250 7	51 6	5 7	307 8	249 5	52 4	3 10	305 7
1957 ..	258 4	54 3	2 5	315 0	259 9	53 3	5 4	318 4	259 0	53 9	3 11	316 8
1958 ..	263 0	54 5	2 6	319 11	264 5	54 8	4 2	323 3	263 8	54 7	3 4	321 7
1959 ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	270 8	55 6	4 5	330 7	274 0	55 3	3 6	332 9
1960 ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	67 3	5 1	351 9	278 5	68 5	4 1	350 11
1960—												
31st Aug. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 9	5 1	354 8	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
30th Sept. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 9	5 1	354 8	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
31st Oct. ..	277 9	70 1	3 2	351 0	282 10	67 10	5 1	355 9	280 3	69 0	4 1	353 4
30th Nov. ..	278 2	70 1	3 2	351 5	285 2	68 3	5 4	358 9	281 7	69 2	4 3	355 0
31st Dec. ..	278 2	70 1	3 2	351 5	285 2	68 5	5 3	358 10	281 7	69 3	4 2	355 0
1961—												
31st Jan. ..	278 2	70 2	3 2	351 6	286 4	68 5	5 4	360 1	282 2	69 4	4 3	355 9
28th Feb. ..	278 5	70 3	3 2	351 10	287 6	68 6	5 4	361 4	282 10	69 5	4 3	356 6
31st March ..	278 5	70 3	3 8	352 4	287 6	68 7	5 3	361 4	282 10	69 5	4 5	356 8
30th April ..	278 5	70 3	3 8	352 4	287 6	68 7	5 3	361 4	282 10	69 5	4 5	356 8
31st May ..	278 8	70 3	3 8	352 7	289 6	68 7	5 6	363 7	283 11	69 5	4 7	357 11
30th June ..	278 8	70 5	3 8	352 9	289 6	68 7	5 6	363 7	283 11	69 5	4 7	357 11
31st July ..	289 7	70 5	3 6	363 6	291 10	68 7	5 6	365 11	290 8	69 7	4 6	364 9
31st Aug. ..	289 9	70 6	3 6	363 9	293 11	68 9	5 5	368 1	291 9	69 8	4 5	365 10
30th Sept. ..	289 9	70 6	3 6	363 9	293 11	68 9	5 5	368 1	291 9	69 8	4 6	365 11
31st Oct. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 9	68 9	5 5	367 11	291 8	69 8	4 5	365 9
30th Nov. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 5	68 10	5 4	367 7	291 6	69 9	4 5	365 8
31st Dec. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 5	68 11	5 3	367 7	291 6	69 9	4 5	365 8
1962—												
31st Jan. ..	289 9	70 7	3 10	364 2	293 5	68 11	5 6	367 10	291 6	69 10	4 8	366 0
28th Feb. ..	289 8	70 8	3 9	364 1	293 0	68 11	5 6	367 5	291 3	69 10	4 8	365 9
31st March ..	289 8	70 8	3 9	364 1	293 0	68 11	5 6	367 5	291 3	69 11	4 7	365 9
30th April ..	289 8	70 8	3 10	364 2	293 0	69 0	5 5	367 5	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10
31st May ..	289 8	70 8	3 10	364 2	293 0	69 1	5 6	367 7	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10
30th June ..	289 8	70 9	3 10	364 3	293 0	69 1	5 5	367 6	291 3	70 0	4 7	365 10
31st July ..	289 7	70 10	3 10	364 3	293 0	69 0	5 6	367 6	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10
31st Aug. ..	289 6	70 10	3 10	364 2	292 8	69 0	5 5	367 1	291 1	69 11	4 7	365 7
30th Sept. ..	289 6	70 10	3 10	364 2	292 8	69 0	5 5	367 1	291 1	69 11	4 7	365 7

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 29. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE. (a)

	s. d.						
1939—September ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
1947—November ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
1948—November ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
1949—November ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
1950—November ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
1951—November ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
1952—November ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
1953—February ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August ..	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
1956—June ..	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
1957—15th May ..	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0
1958—21st May ..	268 0	260 0	243 0	256 0	261 0	267 0	261 0
1959—11th June ..	283 0	275 0	258 0	271 0	276 0	282 0	276 0
1961—7th July ..	295 0	287 0	270 0	283 0	288 0	294 0	288 0

STATE BASIC WAGE.

	s. d. (b)	s. d. (c)	s. d. (d)	s. d. (e)	s. d. (f)	s. d. (c)	
1957—December ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	251 0	272 9	272 0	..
1958—March ..	269 0	263 0	244 0	251 0	268 6	272 0	..
June ..	274 0	263 0	248 0	256 0	268 6	272 0	..
September ..	274 0	263 0	254 0	256 0	272 3	272 0	..
December ..	273 0	263 0	256 0	256 0	273 5	272 0	..
1959—March ..	275 0	263 0	260 0	256 0	273 5	272 0	..
June ..	276 0	275 0	263 0	271 0	275 1	272 0	..
September ..	277 0	275 0	263 0	271 0	278 7	282 0	..
December ..	279 0	275 0	267 0	271 0	281 6	282 0	..
1960—March ..	283 0	275 0	269 0	271 0	281 6	282 0	..
June ..	285 0	275 0	271 0	271 0	286 4	282 0	..
September ..	288 0	275 0	273 0	271 0	292 3	282 0	..
December ..	294 0	275 0	276 0	271 0	294 7	282 0	..
1961—March ..	297 0	275 0	280 0	271 0	296 7	282 0	..
June ..	299 0	275 0	284 0	271 0	299 3	282 0	..
September ..	302 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	300 6	294 0	..
December ..	301 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	298 9	294 0	..
1962—March ..	300 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	298 9	294 0	..
June ..	300 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	298 9	294 0	..
September ..	299 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	298 9	294 0	..
October ..	(g)300 0	(h)287 0	(i)284 0	(j)283 0	(k)298 9	(l)294 0	..

(a) Automatic adjustment in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued as from 12th September, 1953. Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown or commencing on or after the date shown.

(b) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. To September, 1962 rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (c) Automatic adjustments discontinued. Commonwealth rates adopted during 1959.

(d) Determined by State industrial tribunal—to March, 1961, after considering retail price index numbers; thereafter, only after a full inquiry. (e) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (f) Determined each quarter by State industrial tribunal, after considering retail price index numbers. (g) Payable from first pay-period in November, 1962.

(h) During July and August, 1961, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (i) 29th May, 1961.

(j) 10th July, 1961. (k) 30th October, 1961. (l) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1961.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages and salaries recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID (£'000).								
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60	..	24,816	18,123	7,441	5,392	3,618	1,878	61,268
1960-61	..	26,823	19,204	7,819	5,661	3,886	1,969	65,362
1961-62	..	27,268	19,519	7,909	5,822	4,048	2,057	66,623
1960-61—								
September	Quarter—	26,296	19,029	7,977	5,640	3,877	1,888	64,707
December	"	28,276	20,204	8,188	5,868	4,003	2,002	68,541
March	"	25,649	18,518	7,271	5,497	3,691	1,945	62,571
June	"	27,073	19,065	7,840	5,639	3,972	2,040	65,629
1961-62—								
September	"	26,276	18,924	7,966	5,643	3,964	1,937	64,710
December	"	28,407	20,130	8,130	5,945	4,110	2,069	68,791
March	"	26,065	18,984	7,426	5,681	3,943	2,033	64,132
June	"	28,323	20,037	8,112	6,021	4,176	2,188	68,857
1962-63—								
September	"	27,541	19,863	8,278	5,993	4,205	2,023	67,903

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)

1955-56	..	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	..	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60	..	..	22.77	22.28	19.89	20.61	19.46	20.71	21.76
1960-61	..	..	24.03	23.32	21.00	21.33	20.57	21.42	22.86
1961-62	..	..	24.48	23.98	21.67	21.96	21.27	22.50	23.46
1960-61—									
September	Quarter—	23.63	23.22	21.02	21.30	20.54	20.71	22.65	
December	"	25.14	24.42	21.88	22.05	21.07	21.78	23.85	
March	"	22.86	22.29	19.76	20.64	19.56	21.00	21.81	
June	"	24.48	23.34	21.33	21.32	21.10	22.18	23.15	
1961-62—									
September	"	23.92	23.54	21.66	21.60	21.07	21.40	23.03	
December	"	25.58	24.80	22.52	22.48	21.73	22.78	24.33	
March	"	23.28	23.15	20.53	21.30	20.64	22.11	22.49	
June	"	25.15	24.44	21.95	22.44	21.66	23.70	24.00	
1962-63—									
September	..	24.43	24.18	22.15	22.18	21.75	22.17	23.60	

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(d) Total wages and salaries, etc. divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it is not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States, the same ratio has been used for each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING APPROVALS(a): AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private", and gives a slightly wider coverage.

Period.	Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations (b) and Additions.		Total.
	Private. (c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private. (c)	Government. (c)	Private. (c)	Government. (c)	
	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.					
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955-56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956-57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957-58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958-59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959-60 ..	7,587	23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	26,612	11,251	5,673	5,827	947	50,310
1960-61 ..	6,446	21,324	1,355	3,709	7,801	25,033	11,947	6,666	5,752	781	50,179
1961-62 ..	5,886	19,941	1,180	3,333	7,066	23,274	11,372	7,676	5,789	720	48,831
Monthly Total—											
1960-61—											
September	8,448	26,972	987	2,870	9,435	29,842	12,631	11,846	6,424	577	61,320
October ..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November	7,376	23,904	1,286	3,531	8,662	27,435	20,306	6,983	6,096	525	61,345
December	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	4,651	4,987	479	44,242
January ..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	2,468	4,781	919	34,560
February	5,084	16,936	885	2,591	5,969	19,527	9,376	5,617	5,607	1,251	41,378
March ..	5,107	17,172	1,234	3,067	6,341	20,239	9,772	7,033	5,766	774	43,584
April ..	4,552	15,422	819	2,288	5,371	17,710	6,459	3,391	4,890	759	33,209
May ..	5,850	19,667	1,316	3,815	7,166	23,482	15,710	7,400	5,855	604	53,051
June ..	5,363	18,270	2,699	7,928	8,062	26,198	9,241	10,303	5,059	1,134	51,935
1961-62—											
July ..	5,818	19,498	1,197	3,323	7,015	22,821	8,720	5,393	5,568	1,189	43,691
August ..	6,950	23,891	775	2,362	7,725	26,253	14,745	6,193	6,774	648	54,613
September	5,540	18,732	1,483	4,369	7,023	23,101	12,156	11,201	6,277	484	53,219
October ..	6,066	20,615	1,099	3,143	7,165	23,758	7,888	11,496	6,124	467	49,733
November	6,394	21,485	1,014	3,045	7,408	24,530	15,142	7,650	6,530	356	54,208
December	4,397	14,721	1,531	4,319	5,928	19,040	9,854	6,881	4,020	202	39,997
January ..	4,842	16,360	517	1,604	5,359	17,964	8,295	6,548	4,682	1,148	38,637
February	5,551	18,855	921	2,536	6,472	21,391	11,693	6,115	5,178	457	44,834
March ..	6,474	21,870	1,005	2,836	7,479	24,706	11,908	9,313	7,041	907	53,875
April ..	5,781	19,465	1,443	4,011	7,224	23,476	11,525	8,514	5,418	583	49,516
May ..	6,723	22,964	1,772	4,541	8,495	27,505	15,663	5,220	6,344	908	55,640
June ..	6,094	20,838	1,404	3,909	7,498	24,747	8,873	7,585	5,513	1,287	48,005
1962-63—											
July ..	7,167	24,542	1,106	3,018	8,273	27,560	16,610	10,995	6,627	746	62,538
August ..	7,338	25,917	920	2,532	8,258	28,449	14,844	4,699	7,426	386	55,804
September	6,631	22,759	2,354	5,361	8,985	28,120	9,977	9,827	7,580	944	56,448
October ..	7,076	24,197	1,200	3,361	8,276	27,558	14,745	7,942	7,850	566	58,661

(a) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings.

(c) Building is classified as "Government" or "Private" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1954–55 ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955–56 ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956–57 ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957–58 ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958–59 ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959–60 ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
1960–61 ..	18,773	13,825	6,118	5,568	3,006	1,272	249	1,368	50,179
1961–62 ..	18,785	13,137	5,377	4,699	3,319	1,575	329	1,610	48,831
Monthly Total—									
1960–61—									
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,796	174	4,806	61,320
October ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
January ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February ..	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,057	428	361	41,378
March ..	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April ..	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May ..	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June ..	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
1961–62—									
July ..	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August ..	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	54,613
September ..	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October ..	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November ..	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December ..	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
January ..	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February ..	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March ..	19,280	13,511	6,920	4,186	3,545	2,557	459	3,417	53,875
April ..	20,637	14,024	5,569	4,381	2,752	897	207	1,049	49,516
May ..	17,970	17,114	6,471	6,541	3,585	1,477	315	2,167	55,640
June ..	16,140	14,410	6,531	4,171	3,451	1,286	481	1,535	48,005
1962–63—									
July ..	26,078	16,326	6,572	6,523	4,359	1,556	72	1,052	62,538
August ..	19,784	17,652	6,408	4,647	3,779	1,685	429	1,420	55,804
September ..	21,246	15,991	5,039	8,372	3,172	1,378	301	949	56,448
October ..	21,401	16,818	6,182	6,860	4,017	1,373	439	1,571	58,661

(a) See note (a) page 31.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1954–55 ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955–56 ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956–57 ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957–58 ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958–59 ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959–60 ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
1960–61 ..	3,058	1,966	993	892	510	202	32	148	7,801
1961–62 ..	2,720	1,784	896	711	574	220	39	122	7,066
Monthly Total									
1960–61—									
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	253	12	268	9,435
October ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	177	74	27	5,969
March ..	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April ..	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May ..	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June ..	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
1961–62—									
July ..	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August ..	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September ..	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October ..	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November ..	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December ..	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
January ..	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February ..	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March ..	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	60	103	7,479
April ..	3,199	1,614	901	670	494	200	24	122	7,224
May ..	3,131	2,013	940	1,300	603	238	31	239	8,495
June ..	2,711	2,077	1,222	602	486	215	43	142	7,498
1962–63—									
July ..	3,211	2,306	898	763	616	237	10	232	8,273
August ..	3,318	2,108	960	802	592	210	70	198	8,258
September ..	2,862	2,115	786	2,239	583	234	23	143	8,985
October ..	2,829	2,639	948	695	765	222	93	85	8,276

(a) See note (a), page 31.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1956–57 ..	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957–58 ..	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958–59 ..	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959–60 ..	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960–61 ..	74,801	63,204	138,005	78,429	60,276	138,705	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961–62 ..	70,023	65,934	135,957	74,146	59,257	133,403	148,418	281,386	429,804
Quarterly Total—									
1959–60—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June ..	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960–61—									
Sept. ..	86,205	67,041	153,246	78,641	52,258	130,899	179,696	242,527	422,223
Dec. ..	81,331	67,965	149,296	85,532	63,723	149,255	176,479	250,719	427,198
Mar. ..	67,307	57,911	125,218	73,790	63,747	137,537	171,417	246,124	417,541
June ..	64,361	59,898	124,259	75,753	61,376	137,129	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961–62—									
Sept. ..	72,378	62,276	134,654	73,932	57,363	131,295	160,349	252,874	413,223
Dec. ..	65,031	61,550	126,581	77,559	66,609	144,168	148,802	250,112	398,914
Mar. ..	69,701	67,009	136,710	69,177	55,744	124,921	150,199	262,994	413,193
June ..	72,981	72,900	145,881	75,917	57,310	133,227	148,418	281,386	429,804

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Quarterly Average—									
1956–57 ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957–58 ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958–59 ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959–60 ..	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
1960–61 ..	52,297	40,788	14,826	13,467	9,006	4,253	779	3,289	138,705
1961–62 ..	52,011	37,044	13,763	13,079	8,509	4,182	876	3,939	133,403
Quarterly Total—									
1959–60—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June ..	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960–61—									
Sept. ..	46,364	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	2,932	130,899
Dec. ..	53,334	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	4,200	149,255
Mar. ..	54,369	40,196	14,976	12,373	8,479	3,894	729	2,521	137,537
June ..	55,119	37,850	12,669	13,335	8,132	5,356	1,166	3,502	137,129
1961–62—									
Sept. ..	49,314	40,881	14,132	11,405	7,134	4,125	728	3,576	131,295
Dec. ..	56,839	39,237	14,073	14,679	9,199	4,474	743	4,924	144,168
Mar. ..	48,425	33,796	13,824	11,712	7,689	4,468	990	4,017	124,921
June ..	53,465	34,261	13,025	14,519	10,014	3,660	1,042	3,241	133,227

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1956–57 ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957–58 ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958–59 ..	7,372	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,422
1959–60 ..	8,453	6,681	2,570	2,431	1,565	635	106	395	22,836
1960–61 ..	8,808	5,797	2,588	2,460	1,512	594	104	359	22,222
1961–62 ..	7,571	5,385	2,439	2,334	1,702	660	122	404	20,617
Quarterly Total—									
1960–61—Sept. Qtr.	9,635	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,638
Dec. ..	9,403	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	23,926
Mar. ..	8,571	4,484	2,626	2,181	1,339	583	95	257	20,136
June ..	7,623	4,467	2,344	2,399	1,402	538	137	279	19,189
1961–62—Sept. ..	8,033	5,510	2,674	2,504	1,669	664	117	376	21,547
Dec. ..	7,272	5,160	2,209	1,919	1,562	630	97	323	19,172
Mar. ..	7,357	5,417	2,293	2,251	1,841	638	148	403	20,348
June ..	7,623	5,453	2,578	2,660	1,737	709	127	516	21,403
1962–63—Sept. .. p	8,281	6,306	2,560	2,670	1,776	608	86	597	22,884
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1956–57 ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957–58 ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958–59 ..	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959–60 ..	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
1960–61 ..	9,099	6,569	2,651	2,566	1,603	665	101	362	23,616
1961–62 ..	8,087	5,760	2,517	2,432	1,587	638	99	446	21,566
Quarterly Total—									
1960–61—Sept. Qtr.	8,589	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	24,034
Dec. ..	9,427	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	26,045
Mar. ..	9,502	5,571	2,320	2,231	1,496	552	80	287	22,039
June ..	8,879	5,861	2,401	2,563	1,523	699	101	320	22,347
1961–62—Sept. ..	8,168	5,777	2,505	2,325	1,549	591	75	481	21,471
Dec. ..	8,381	5,978	2,609	2,709	1,723	622	108	486	22,616
Mar. ..	7,619	5,285	2,356	1,964	1,384	643	111	426	19,788
June ..	8,181	5,999	2,598	2,731	1,691	695	102	391	22,388
1962–63—Sept. .. p	7,552	5,440	2,405	2,380	1,886	668	123	412	20,866
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1956–57 ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957–58 ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958–59 ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959–60 ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960–61 ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961–62 ..	15,272	13,822	3,150	4,930	3,629	1,762	367	1,176	44,108
1960–61—Sept. Qtr.	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	52,962
Mar. ..	18,592	16,715	3,521	5,489	3,288	1,833	238	1,383	51,059
June ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961–62—Sept. ..	17,201	15,054	3,633	5,504	3,287	1,745	316	1,237	47,977
Dec. ..	16,092	14,236	3,233	4,714	3,126	1,753	305	1,074	44,533
Mar. ..	15,830	14,368	3,170	5,001	3,583	1,748	342	1,051	45,093
June ..	15,272	13,822	3,150	4,930	3,629	1,762	367	1,176	44,108
1962–63—Sept. .. p	16,001	14,688	3,305	5,220	3,519	1,702	330	1,361	46,126

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Coal.		Heat, Light and Power.		Iron and Steel.			Gold. (Mine Pro- duction). (c)	Refined Metals.(a)			
	Black.	Brown.	Gas made in Gas works.	Total Electric- ity Gen- erated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Tin- plate.		Lead. (d)	Copper.	Zinc. (e)	Alum- inium.
					'000 tons.	'000 tons.	million therms (f)	million kWh.				
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	977	258	8.9	331	76.1	90.0	..	108.2	17,562	1,280	5,840	..
1937–38 ..	990	300	9.3	363	77.5	97.2	..	123.3	18,797	1,437	5,810	..
1938–39 ..	1,051	267	9.4	391	92.1	97.5	..	135.1	19,416	1,457	5,819	..
1955–56 ..	1,586	865	18.9	1,398	159.2	193.4	..	86.0	18,372	2,039	8,664	460
1956–57 ..	1,643	898	19.6	1,524	174.8	231.2	..	88.5	19,983	2,711	8,691	833
1957–58 ..	1,697	906	20.0	1,650	190.3	253.1	3,398	90.3	21,352	2,987	9,416	893
1958–59 ..	1,705	1,020	20.4	1,767	191.2	267.0	6,433	91.7	19,912	3,772	9,559	946
1959–60 ..	1,769	1,175	21.4	1,933	221.3	293.3	7,315	90.6	19,776	5,404	9,816	947
1960–61 p ..	1,914	1,310	22.0	2,068	250.2	312.3	8,982	89.2	18,979	5,749	10,495	1,008
1961–62 p ..	2,049	1,394	22.2	2,204	281.5	338.5	8,868	88.7	19,215	r5,310	12,812	n.a.
Monthly Total—												
1960–61 p—												
August ..	2,211	1,417	27.4	2,303	251.1	333.2	8,996	90.1	20,336	6,534	10,366	1,028
September ..	2,057	1,333	24.0	2,121	242.4	310.6	7,736	94.5	20,270	5,507	9,974	983
October ..	1,970	1,299	22.4	2,081	254.8	316.1	8,596	96.5	19,925	6,240	10,460	1,010
November ..	2,079	1,239	21.0	2,030	248.2	313.5	9,016	90.7	18,663	7,225	10,287	958
December ..	1,674	1,167	19.2	1,946	277.6	337.3	8,494	98.5	20,934	5,594	10,680	1,031
January ..	1,001	1,203	17.1	1,873	234.7	257.3	9,158	81.9	19,586	5,160	10,632	914
February ..	1,953	1,204	16.8	1,859	232.5	282.5	8,775	83.4	18,189	5,179	9,859	921
March ..	2,180	1,259	19.1	2,048	262.6	326.3	10,336	82.0	17,492	5,937	11,057	1,035
April ..	1,437	1,269	19.8	1,949	240.6	321.8	9,187	97.2	17,296	5,652	10,875	1,037
May ..	2,291	1,495	24.9	2,285	271.1	333.3	9,700	81.8	17,523	5,598	11,352	1,110
June ..	2,146	1,441	25.9	2,266	279.2	330.6	7,564	84.0	15,852	5,791	9,894	1,128
1961–62 p—												
July ..	2,238	1,482	28.5	2,408	293.4	351.7	7,893	88.0	18,360	5,600	12,455	1,202
August ..	2,384	1,575	27.3	2,388	291.6	338.0	7,955	96.7	18,278	6,422	12,196	1,105
September ..	2,177	1,361	23.6	2,156	271.4	339.2	7,663	89.9	17,552	6,594	12,990	1,111
October ..	2,311	1,369	21.2	2,132	251.9	337.6	8,011	100.3	15,199	5,019	12,653	1,240
November ..	2,297	1,415	20.0	2,094	233.0	311.4	7,299	89.6	15,300	3,945	12,029	1,197
December ..	1,649	1,206	18.8	2,002	293.4	347.7	8,029	93.6	19,865	3,114	12,702	1,204
January ..	1,223	1,241	17.7	2,017	299.2	338.6	9,803	82.5	20,608	r4,576	11,588	n.a.
February ..	2,082	1,267	17.2	1,986	268.7	308.2	8,048	82.4	17,864	4,666	11,115	n.a.
March ..	2,269	1,432	19.4	2,195	302.4	346.2	11,608	88.3	19,903	5,684	13,595	n.a.
April ..	1,525	1,265	20.3	2,109	298.1	354.3	11,255	74.0	23,365	4,917	14,657	n.a.
May ..	2,324	1,578	26.0	2,515	296.2	358.9	11,287	86.1	22,940	6,692	14,786	n.a.
June ..	2,111	1,538	26.3	2,448	275.3	326.7	14,191	93.3	21,350	6,490	12,975	n.a.
1962–63 p—												
July ..	r2,320	1,636	28.4	2,615	292.6	357.8	16,193	95.5	24,655	7,324	14,423	n.a.
August ..	r2,386	1,659	27.7	2,636	286.3	r352.9	17,843	95.9	r21,695	8,740	15,685	n.a.
September ..	2,052	1,473	23.3	2,349	262.8	r339.7	16,711	95.9	23,975	7,794	14,924	n.a.
October ..			23.3	2,416	281.3	360.6	17,051		23,713		15,400	n.a.

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.

(b) Includes recovery from scrap.

(c) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(d) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export.

(e) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works.

(f) 1 Therm = 100,000 British Thermal Units.

(g) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, .., see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS AND FLOOR COVERINGS.

Period.	Clay Bricks.	Building Materials.							Building Fittings.			Floor Coverings.(b)
		Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Port- land Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Hard- board.	Baths— C.I.P.E. and Other Metal.	Wash Basins— C.I.P.E. and Earthen- ware.	Sinks— Stainless Steel.	
		Terra- cotta.	Cement.	'000 sq. yds.	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 (c)								'000 sq. yds.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71	619	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72	634	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,482	2,208	120.8	170	1,510	1,885	9,927	11,766	13,832	827
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.2	181	1,355	1,871	8,742	11,500	13,174	936
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	191	1,507	2,036	9,476	12,648	14,740	984
1958-59 ..	78.3	4,936	4,355	2,237	121.7	207	1,528	2,418	10,136	13,217	15,384	1,066
1959-60 ..	85.8	4,739	4,741	2,536	126.8	219	1,550	2,637	10,429	14,094	16,240	1,304
1960-61 ..	88.4	4,599	4,388	2,462	118.3	238	1,431	2,590	9,719	13,700	16,460	1,141
1961-62 p ..	82.0	4,199	4,400	2,254	109.5	232	1,217	2,407	9,190	13,304	14,512	1,094
Monthly Total—												
1960-61 p—												
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,458	2,817	133.2	245	1,696	2,985	11,983	15,095	18,988	1,638
September ..	97.9	4,844	5,274	2,790	144.5	253	1,640	2,917	10,733	14,983	17,260	1,655
October ..	96.0	4,723	5,322	2,894	135.4	252	1,598	2,824	10,651	14,736	17,649	1,565
November ..	102.1	5,601	5,421	2,818	133.3	247	1,645	3,012	11,754	17,847	18,371	1,591
December ..	78.9	3,863	4,124	1,911	111.2	218	1,207	2,087	9,068	12,583	14,170	1,171
January ..	65.1	2,917	3,369	1,532	85.0	193	1,087	1,799	6,813	10,703	10,560	615
February ..	85.0	4,807	4,039	2,421	101.6	228	1,351	2,570	8,950	12,371	12,765	1,143
March ..	91.6	4,840	3,884	2,128	107.7	256	1,365	2,696	9,152	14,195	13,464	1,110
April ..	75.6	4,241	3,297	1,954	94.0	231	1,198	2,083	8,141	11,606	12,423	844
May ..	93.1	5,158	4,178	2,366	105.7	251	1,332	2,307	10,123	13,597	16,453	840
June ..	83.7	4,366	3,862	2,100	117.6	243	1,286	2,197	9,136	13,172	14,719	907
1961-62 p—												
July ..	84.8	4,426	3,883	2,406	105.6	242	1,217	2,492	8,632	13,654	13,963	751
August ..	91.3	4,728	4,725	2,575	118.1	249	1,280	2,673	10,420	13,194	17,344	954
September ..	86.7	4,169	4,455	2,539	112.2	239	1,161	2,776	9,442	13,499	16,094	1,256
October ..	86.3	4,401	4,475	2,220	119.8	244	1,253	2,438	10,154	13,447	17,014	1,056
November ..	82.8	4,550	4,572	2,397	118.4	229	1,313	2,662	10,095	14,880	19,040	1,149
December ..	64.2	3,373	3,497	1,813	99.1	207	982	1,728	6,703	12,521	14,077	987
January ..	53.7	2,886	3,482	1,559	80.9	175	951	1,711	6,966	9,008	10,214	610
February ..	80.4	4,292	4,031	2,097	100.3	207	1,275	2,360	9,884	13,182	12,340	1,211
March ..	92.2	4,292	4,956	2,636	119.4	244	1,353	2,445	10,054	15,142	13,229	1,443
April ..	78.6	3,953	4,052	1,876	101.2	237	1,141	1,902	8,003	11,632	10,907	942
May ..	95.8	4,845	5,371	2,538	118.0	254	1,418	2,919	10,915	14,537	15,540	1,366
June ..	86.9	4,468	5,296	2,389	124.6	254	1,265	2,772	9,013	14,951	14,386	1,407
1962-63 p—												
July ..	96.5	4,529	5,027	2,402	122.4	269	1,337	2,686	9,019	16,606	17,787	1,386
August ..	95.6	4,813	4,964	2,326	121.1	254	1,362	2,877	9,226	15,864	16,779	1,411
September ..	r 89.4	4,383	4,791	2,987	116.9	248	1,254	2,637	8,963	15,811	14,648	1,550
October ..	98.5					262		2,931	12,275	15,663	17,463	1,659

(a) Australian grown. Includes timber for sawn sleepers. Source (for 1960-61 and later periods): Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau and Victorian Forests Commission. (b) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (c) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (d) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND ENGINES.

Period.	Domestic Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	Domestic Clothes Washing Machines.	Radios and Radio-grams.	Television Sets.(c)	Room Air Conditioners.(d)	Electric Motors.		Internal Combustion Engines—Petrol.(e)
	Solid Fuel.	Gas(a)—Upright or Elevated.	Electric—Fixed Ranges.(b)						Under 1 h.p.	1 h.p. and over.	
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	'000.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15,243	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	223
1937-38 ..	f4,562	(f)3,481	(f) 749	1,257	n.a.	17,834	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	415
1938-39 ..	f4,538	(f)3,894	(f) 730	2,458	n.a.	13,652	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	157
1955-56 ..	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617	13,797	38,168	220	169	87.9	5.1	8,382
1956-57 ..	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293	12,035	30,524	10,103	282	74.9	4.7	15,042
1957-58 ..	3,603	4,663	4,588	16,327	13,675	31,729	23,536	390	88.8	5.1	15,527
1958-59 ..	3,288	5,531	5,315	18,316	15,016	31,526	26,368	1,061	105.9	5.8	24,186
1959-60 ..	3,071	6,634	6,192	19,763	16,823	33,549	36,508	3,339	131.9	8.5	24,326
1960-61 ..	2,644	6,097	5,769	18,293	16,295	37,899	26,331	5,602	145.9	9.3	15,348
1961-62 p	2,404	r5,672	6,355	17,663	18,895	30,707	24,577	2,351	134.2	6.8	16,386
Monthly Total—											
1960-61 p—											
August ..	3,972	8,588	7,469	25,228	19,344	41,617	50,405	7,449	173.2	10.2	13,937
September	3,414	7,668	7,052	31,178	19,979	48,018	42,494	9,011	188.4	12.2	21,704
October ..	2,734	7,138	6,871	29,473	18,421	63,511	27,173	11,710	175.7	10.7	29,530
November	3,073	7,411	8,063	34,410	17,916	72,417	20,443	12,332	217.6	11.0	33,502
December	2,157	5,994	5,910	22,117	13,839	50,160	15,401	11,474	158.1	8.4	30,999
January ..	1,302	4,077	4,438	12,438	10,021	29,275	8,958	6,008	110.5	7.2	15,814
February	1,718	6,171	5,661	10,248	13,960	36,026	11,943	2,479	126.8	9.0	10,877
March ..	2,284	5,653	5,119	9,734	15,400	25,923	16,291	1,628	113.5	9.4	4,196
April ..	2,026	4,470	4,266	7,021	13,323	15,395	16,641	700	91.6	7.4	3,778
May ..	2,578	4,742	4,590	8,788	16,497	20,944	28,147	1,379	113.7	9.1	2,595
June ..	2,419	4,879	4,554	9,863	17,203	22,418	25,630	737	104.2	7.3	4,471
1961-62 p—											
July ..	2,954	5,513	4,717	11,500	16,903	23,727	26,525	964	105.6	7.5	11,087
August ..	3,127	6,496	5,667	17,554	20,062	27,242	24,132	1,693	125.1	8.2	12,970
September	2,661	5,544	5,552	22,505	20,506	35,030	21,793	4,029	139.9	5.9	26,175
October ..	2,392	7,589	6,902	23,669	18,491	37,750	18,231	4,491	152.1	6.6	38,391
November	2,106	7,400	7,470	27,943	20,948	45,960	19,191	4,821	171.7	7.6	31,081
December	1,701	5,595	5,632	20,082	15,111	34,265	15,498	3,630	128.4	5.9	13,317
January ..	1,413	4,014	3,893	16,312	13,486	20,126	12,972	3,124	113.6	5.4	11,636
February	1,787	5,264	6,371	16,465	17,574	29,129	21,117	2,116	136.3	6.3	17,689
March ..	2,387	5,377	7,772	16,314	21,166	30,645	27,588	1,505	141.2	7.0	13,309
April ..	2,248	4,933	6,724	11,066	16,979	24,685	27,144	1,002	108.6	5.7	7,213
May ..	3,244	5,246	8,293	14,555	24,331	29,521	41,860	832	145.5	8.1	3,909
June ..	2,823	5,093	7,262	13,995	21,188	30,401	38,871	995	141.9	7.3	9,856
1962-63 p—											
July ..	2,990	5,551	8,473	17,290	20,407	31,013	37,387	637	142.4	5.7	17,292
August ..	3,025	5,656	8,080	23,040	21,346	37,889	31,308	528	157.4	7.8	23,526
September	2,553	5,673	7,826	21,682	19,784	41,899	21,231	1,236	174.8	6.3	34,401
October ..	2,467	8,172	10,177	27,307	19,244	48,785	23,567		178.9	7.7	39,588

(a) Town or liquefied petroleum gas stoves or ranges with oven.
(b) Having at least one hot plate and at least one oven separately heated with a total rating in excess of ten amperes but not more than fifteen kilowatts.
(c) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player.
(d) Includes package unit air conditioners.
(e) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc. and marine engines.
(f) Includes domestic, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers.

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PRODUCTION OF FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar. (a)	Whole Milk for all Pur- poses.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (carcass weight).				Beer. (b)	Tobacco Cigars and Cigar- ettes (c)
				Butter.	Cheese.	Pro- cessed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef and Veal.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.		
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(d)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 lb.
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	6,261	1,805
1937–38 ..	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	7,084	1,904
1938–39 ..	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	7,523	1,939
1955–56 ..	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	18,958	3,842
1956–57 ..	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	18,394	4,129
1957–58 ..	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	18,871	4,255
1958–59 ..	113.9	43.2	114.2	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.1	8.8	18,633	4,371
1959–60 ..	125.6	45.0	117.2	16,251	3,730	6,886	62.7	30.9	16.9	8.6	19,306	4,563
1960–61 ..	130.3	43.8	111.6	14,934	3,904	6,385	52.7	30.6	17.2	9.0	19,701	4,853
1961–62 p ..	126.0	45.9	120.9	16,461	4,608	6,912	r65.9	31.1	17.8	9.9	20,624	4,626
Monthly Total—											p	p
1960–61—	p											
August ..	139.8	43.6	100.5	12,734	3,833	5,724	53.7	25.5	14.8	8.3	20,376	5,951
September ..	142.0	46.7	128.8	17,937	5,026	7,933	50.5	29.0	20.1	9.1	20,721	3,681
October ..	133.6	47.7	155.7	22,608	6,222	9,708	42.5	29.6	25.7	9.1	20,561	4,391
November ..	143.1	47.2	163.1	24,073	6,209	10,771	42.3	34.6	23.8	9.1	23,859	5,016
December ..	113.3	42.3	157.7	23,541	5,616	9,114	40.4	34.1	19.1	9.8	24,069	5,398
January ..	122.2	42.1	133.8	19,252	4,437	7,469	42.4	31.8	16.0	8.1	23,121	4,180
February ..	128.1	40.4	102.4	13,507	3,224	5,835	45.4	33.2	14.9	8.5	20,356	4,430
March ..	129.5	43.7	102.3	13,384	2,950	5,408	53.2	35.1	15.7	9.7	21,354	4,668
April ..	113.6	40.1	79.7	9,362	2,167	3,885	50.4	29.1	13.6	8.8	17,898	4,280
May ..	144.3	44.2	76.0	8,431	2,326	3,848	69.2	30.9	14.4	9.7	17,399	4,740
June ..	131.6	39.2	69.8	7,155	2,510	3,410	79.1	29.0	15.1	9.2	15,850	4,362
1961–62 p—												
July ..	128.3	44.8	79.3	8,710	3,074	4,343	70.9	26.9	14.9	r9.2	17,307	4,378
August ..	148.3	48.3	110.0	13,981	4,819	6,989	r68.0	27.9	17.0	9.4	19,157	5,268
September ..	129.9	47.0	144.3	20,236	6,327	9,488	62.5	30.6	19.8	10.0	20,097	4,248
October ..	120.4	56.0	179.0	26,558	7,695	11,204	57.8	35.3	24.1	10.1	24,170	4,806
November ..	128.5	38.6	178.8	26,885	7,314	10,686	59.7	36.2	21.9	10.8	25,577	5,002
December ..	103.6	48.7	169.7	25,558	6,438	10,049	55.0	32.9	18.1	10.0	24,849	4,946
January ..	122.9	45.7	151.6	22,504	5,418	8,465	r60.1	32.7	17.3	9.1	22,004	4,388
February ..	132.1	46.7	118.7	16,628	3,987	6,271	r60.0	32.3	16.0	9.5	18,651	4,536
March ..	131.5	50.9	104.0	13,611	3,195	5,148	r67.2	34.2	16.7	r10.5	20,732	4,465
April ..	99.4	41.7	81.0	9,591	2,395	3,726	r61.5	27.5	15.1	9.5	19,156	4,359
May ..	142.8	46.7	69.0	7,043	2,196	3,323	r82.9	r31.7	16.9	11.8	19,874	4,802
June ..	124.5	38.9	65.2	6,225	2,438	3,247	84.5	25.4	15.2	9.3	15,920	4,315
1962–63 p—												
July ..	124.2	43.7	81.5	8,961	3,327	4,474	r82.2	r26.3	r15.7	r9.5	18,685	4,588
August ..	133.0	50.7	115.9	14,935	5,155	7,406	87.2	r27.5	r16.4	r10.2	20,392	5,146
September ..	116.5	50.0	142.4	19,358	6,606	9,481	77.2	30.6	20.0	9.1	20,281	3,816
October ..	128.5	54.2										5,214

(a) Monthly averages are for the twelve months ended March and the monthly totals are those recorded by the Department of Primary Industry. (b) Production in 1959–60 and later periods is as reported by the Department of Customs and Excise. From July, 1960, includes waste beer. (c) From July, 1960, represents the quantity on which excise duty was paid. (d) Whole milk equivalent.

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PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES.

Period.	Chemicals and Allied Products.						Motor Vehicle Bodies.(a)		Motor Vehicle Chassis.		Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero., etc.(e)	
	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super-phosphate. (b)	Sulphate of Ammonia. (c)	Paints.		Soap.	Cars.	Utilities.	Car.(d)	Commercial Payload of One Ton and over.		
				Ready-mixed Paints and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro-cellulose.							
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	'000 cwt.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	36.4	91	1.77	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4,138	610	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38 ..	41.3	103	1.51	209	60	n.a.	4,836	518	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1938-39 ..	40.8	100	2.19	224	48	n.a.	4,242	715	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1955-56 ..	74.7	177	6.28	890	125	109	6,912	2,030	16,736	1,775	303	
1956-57 ..	73.2	165	9.24	906	121	103	6,230	1,804	14,850	1,308	287	
1957-58 ..	82.6	185	9.89	924	130	109	8,129	2,370	18,643	1,293	317	
1958-59 ..	82.2	177	9.79	951	133	104	(f) 9,846	2,282	18,774	1,316	328	
1959-60 ..	89.3	198	8.74	1,002	150	105	12,546	2,318	22,780	1,627	352	
1960-61 ..	93.5	211	8.25	991	114	104	13,347	2,277	22,846	1,544	364	
1961-62 p ..	94.7	216	8.81	1,028	108	98	12,735	1,932	20,140	1,198	333	
Monthly Total—												
1960-61 p—												
August ..	89.0	204	7.35	1,060	134	98	16,348	2,737	29,065	1,876	439	
September ..	95.0	195	8.85	1,091	134	113	16,779	2,429	28,475	1,784	410	
October ..	85.8	185	8.59	1,162	123	108	15,787	2,403	28,779	1,544	372	
November ..	73.5	160	10.00	1,237	134	112	17,587	2,519	30,141	1,739	414	
December ..	90.9	190	8.56	989	113	99	12,562	1,721	21,391	1,587	314	
January ..	91.2	193	8.13	722	64	66	10,694	1,706	16,932	1,285	259	
February ..	95.0	214	7.49	995	116	95	12,995	2,143	20,936	1,503	369	
March ..	106.2	269	7.96	951	119	117	11,625	2,926	19,928	1,335	372	
April ..	111.0	261	8.55	778	84	103	8,936	1,788	15,869	1,491	306	
May ..	110.2	269	8.46	969	106	119	12,240	1,998	20,083	1,378	375	
June ..	94.4	223	7.87	800	91	102	10,028	2,189	16,429	1,091	335	
1961-62 p—												
July ..	84.7	172	10.25	835	94	101	10,148	1,891	16,272	1,101	334	
August ..	92.0	220	8.73	999	102	96	9,857	1,564	16,246	1,171	326	
September ..	93.9	215	9.22	1,045	96	94	8,330	1,248	16,321	980	319	
October ..	83.8	r193	9.53	1,169	109	104	11,840	1,532	19,325	1,139	334	
November ..	73.2	148	7.92	1,311	122	120	15,289	1,894	22,241	1,240	363	
December ..	85.4	166	9.73	1,002	99	87	10,753	1,466	16,470	885	251	
January ..	88.4	201	8.37	765	80	67	10,396	1,538	15,623	911	245	
February ..	103.7	251	7.45	1,062	122	93	14,358	2,283	21,641	1,197	345	
March ..	110.7	250	8.89	1,138	125	99	16,073	2,490	25,008	1,423	369	
April ..	113.3	257	8.14	928	109	96	13,802	1,947	21,347	1,292	309	
May ..	106.7	273	9.27	1,118	131	108	18,324	2,755	28,497	1,601	422	
June ..	100.7	246	8.27	970	112	110	13,652	2,578	22,688	1,437	384	
1962-63p—												
July ..	97.3	201	10.03	1,012	114	r115	16,587	2,509	27,644	1,554	439	
August ..	96.0	r213	9.70	1,047	119	r96	21,044	1,973	31,244	1,638	454	
September ..	100.1	222	8.94	r 1,039	125	93	r 20,380	1,724	r 29,159	r 1,556	418	
October ..	98.9		7.27					21,760	32,878	1,597	463	

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industry.

(c) Source: Nitrogen Fertilizers Pty. Ltd. from July, 1960.

(d) Includes station wagons, estate cars, utilities, panel vans and similar commercial vehicles with a payload of under one ton.

(e) Source: Department of Supply.

(f) From July, 1958 includes station wagons.

WOOL RECEIVALS AND PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Wool Received into Brokers' Stores. (a)	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.(b)		Woven Cloth.(b)				Blankets.	Hosiery.	
			Cotton.	Wool.	Cotton. (c)	Wool. (d)	Rayon.	Synthetic Fibre.		Men's. (e)	Womens— Full Length. (f)
	'000 bales.	Million lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	8.4	730	2,136	n.a.	2,597	n.a.	n.a.	105	83	157
1937-38 ..	n.a.	7.9	965	2,510	n.a.	2,479	n.a.	n.a.	94	87	184
1938-39 ..	230.9	8.8	974	2,708	n.a.	2,646	n.a.	n.a.	96	92	178
1955-56 ..	354.6	12.1	3,379	3,601	3,222	2,523	1,374	164	138	130	192
1956-57 ..	405.6	13.8	3,498	3,975	3,856	2,732	2,025	256	140	121	214
1957-58 ..	362.7	12.8	3,720	3,801	3,695	2,643	1,924	313	155	123	185
1958-59 ..	394.6	13.2	3,544	3,381	3,524	2,272	1,476	516	142	109	205
1959-60 ..	410.5	14.6	3,868	4,213	3,594	2,520	1,484	616	161	130	212
1960-61 ..	392.9	12.8	3,407	4,039	3,641	2,205	1,729	837	159	113	218
1961-62p ..	399.9	13.6	3,562	3,824	3,683	2,089	1,706	1,134	141	118	237
Monthly Total—											
1960-61 p—											
August ..	601.8	13.5	4,716	4,973	4,443	2,673	1,795	887	186	159	260
September ..	805.8	12.1	4,285	4,640	4,163	2,501	1,722	935	146	151	266
October ..	891.8	13.4	4,104	4,510	4,008	2,525	1,842	887	158	156	240
November ..	698.4	14.5	4,453	5,188	4,306	2,944	1,955	899	177	149	260
December ..	283.3	12.8	2,993	3,452	3,118	1,983	1,604	630	117	87	196
January ..	128.8	10.6	2,952	2,968	3,296	1,638	1,479	580	90	64	146
February ..	163.2	13.6	3,483	4,070	3,793	2,346	1,739	820	163	105	210
March ..	280.2	13.4	3,705	4,149	3,739	2,388	1,685	818	188	110	220
April ..	215.5	11.3	2,722	3,185	3,069	1,777	1,664	804	145	74	155
May ..	242.7	13.5	2,931	3,798	3,270	1,883	1,668	987	187	94	214
June ..	156.4	13.4	2,666	3,125	3,176	1,612	1,879	1,023	166	81	186
1961-62 p—											
July ..	310.9	12.4	2,673	2,819	3,196	1,561	1,494	737	126	90	190
August ..	601.2	12.4	3,107	3,491	3,102	1,982	1,725	938	141	119	222
September ..	924.9	11.9	3,105	3,382	3,273	2,105	1,699	932	116	125	247
October ..	903.7	13.6	3,462	3,687	3,698	2,162	1,643	924	134	130	263
November ..	570.9	15.6	3,972	4,094	4,040	2,423	1,769	1,112	137	143	260
December ..	243.1	12.6	2,925	2,931	2,882	1,788	1,503	812	88	93	194
January ..	126.0	12.4	3,159	3,272	3,403	1,811	1,315	872	94	72	180
February ..	182.4	13.8	3,702	4,311	3,901	2,435	1,656	1,204	153	113	229
March ..	292.7	14.4	3,961	4,598	4,000	2,496	1,781	1,363	169	133	260
April ..	262.5	12.3	3,673	3,835	3,794	1,937	1,691	1,321	147	111	218
May ..	222.0	16.3	4,699	5,011	4,335	2,324	2,053	1,619	211	145	294
June ..	158.3	15.4	4,311	4,463	4,574	2,045	2,136	1,772	175	138	282
1962-63 p—											
July ..	348.3	13.8	4,676	4,504	5,020	2,957	1,859	1,565	142	153	301
August ..	574.9	13.0	4,514	4,555	4,511	3,124	1,958	1,699	138	170	319
September ..	794.5	11.7	4,305	4,159	r4,310	2,932	1,965	1,728	r 161	163	298
October ..	846.9		4,590	5,059	4,666	3,925	2,145	1,696			

(a) First hand receivals as recorded by the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers. (b) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (c) Excludes towels and towelling. (d) Includes blanketing and rug material from July, 1962 (e) Includes boys' prior to July, 1956. (f) Includes other than full length prior to July, 1954.

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PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING (continued) AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Men's and Youths'—				Underwear.		Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (b)	Mat- tresses, Inner Spring.	Lawn Mowers, Petrol.	Motor Spirit. (c)	Plastics and Synthetic Resins. (d)	News- print.
	Short Length Coats and Jackets.		Sports Trousers.	Shirts, Men's and Boys'.	Men's, Youths', and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.						
	Suit.(a)	Other.(a)			'000 doz.	'000 doz.						
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000 doz.								
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 61	192	1,208	0.9	n.a.	28.4	n.a.	..	
1937–38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 70	228	1,176	1.5	n.a.	25.3	n.a.	..	
1938–39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 56	229	1,164	2.2	n.a.	19.3	n.a.	..	
1955–56 ..	63.1	67.2	223.4	109	130	234	1,651	39.7	6,563	49.8	55.6	6,585
1956–57 ..	59.8	66.9	213.4	119	140	244	1,745	41.8	13,438	68.1	71.3	6,633
1957–58 ..	60.6	63.3	216.0	128	151	238	1,782	42.3	12,271	74.1	75.0	6,757
1958–59 ..	p60.7	p62.2	p226.2	135	154	248	2,005	48.4	20,747	77.9	72.8	6,923
1959–60 ..	p64.7	p75.7	p271.7	153	157	265	2,136	51.6	20,560	88.4	99.1	7,376
1960–61 ..	p66.8	p70.2	p302.7	152	160	281	2,026	49.5	16,608	95.8	87.8	7,336
1961–62 p ..	68.7	56.6	304.6	137	173	280	2,083	52.8	16,718	101.3	109.1	7,480
Monthly Total—												
1960–61 p—												
August ..	78.7	81.1	344.6	211	202	328	2,501	57.7	12,633	96.2	105.8	7,991
September ..	79.0	84.6	366.1	209	178	299	2,450	51.7	19,978	94.8	112.7	7,425
October ..	74.6	81.7	361.9	192	183	308	2,344	49.5	32,684	100.2	107.5	7,937
November ..	83.6	81.4	417.1	204	217	361	2,469	55.2	42,185	90.7	112.8	7,979
December ..	66.5	58.7	307.3	128	145	268	1,677	52.8	34,674	114.5	97.2	5,935
January ..	34.5	36.5	181.1	74	104	166	1,220	36.5	23,073	100.0	78.7	7,693
February ..	64.7	71.5	288.4	123	171	283	1,791	49.7	12,610	81.8	80.9	7,107
March ..	66.2	87.0	314.8	135	167	278	2,068	52.3	4,138	95.4	71.6	6,309
April ..	63.0	70.7	242.5	107	113	221	1,658	41.1	2,885	94.5	66.3	7,215
May ..	66.0	77.4	288.9	140	138	277	1,995	50.9	2,937	103.1	64.8	7,024
June ..	61.6	46.1	236.5	131	120	252	1,784	43.4	1,400	91.1	67.4	7,619
1961–62 p—												
July ..	62.8	42.2	246.4	132	139	260	1,994	47.5	5,559	97.0	77.7	7,831
August ..	73.7	54.2	327.9	163	165	303	2,395	53.4	12,553	109.9	98.4	7,917
September ..	72.8	54.3	342.3	156	167	286	2,282	49.1	25,442	98.5	97.3	7,708
October ..	76.0	64.9	353.0	164	186	332	2,491	57.0	42,599	107.9	98.5	7,878
November ..	79.2	66.5	393.4	170	199	328	2,590	59.7	38,299	101.2	112.3	7,592
December ..	63.7	51.9	296.0	116	151	249	1,637	54.6	18,015	106.0	103.7	5,655
January ..	39.4	30.2	198.0	82	125	206	1,405	44.6	15,965	101.2	101.1	7,464
February ..	69.3	58.5	281.8	126	182	285	1,923	55.0	19,355	84.8	119.7	6,887
March ..	75.4	66.2	318.4	121	195	277	2,101	57.6	12,196	94.5	127.9	7,830
April ..	67.5	62.5	256.8	107	152	235	1,807	48.8	4,420	101.9	121.4	7,492
May ..	79.0	68.1	340.2	155	216	303	2,340	57.8	3,709	112.1	122.4	7,924
June ..	65.1	59.5	300.9	153	200	290	2,034	49.1	2,500	100.2	129.4	7,580
1962–63 p—												
July ..	78.8	52.8	324.2	168	203	316	2,375	51.6	7,641	102.8	124.4	7,594
August ..	82.4	47.6	396.1	194	219	328	2,816	56.6	15,892	96.9	134.4	7,548
September ..	74.1	51.3	364.9	179	185	315	2,468	50.5	29,911	107.4	152.4	7,191
October ..									36,088		149.3	7,914

(a) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (b) Includes Infants' Soft Soled Nursery, prior to July, 1956. (c) Source: Department of National Development. (d) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content. (e) Excludes knitted.

For meaning of symbols n.a., . . . , p, r, ———, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1958 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (b)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1955 ..	100	92	80	85	84	69	93	91	92	99	103
1956 ..	106	100	88	92	90	86	98	95	96	99	107
1957 ..	106	101	96	97	96	99	100	100	98	101	108
1958 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1959 ..	104	108	104	107	111	124	109	106	104	105	113
1960 ..	111	108	116	119	128	156	124	117	111	112	116
1961 ..	116	112	122	126	140	189	125	123	116	114	117
1961—											
January ..	84	104	122	119	132	161	124	118	120	112	110
February ..	118	108	124	122	130	175	115	124	123	117	111
March ..	121	107	123	126	147	194	135	122	123	118	112
April ..	121	108	125	130	132	178	122	124	122	115	115
May ..	123	111	130	130	145	184	127	114	120	114	116
June ..	122	116	128	127	136	188	131	129	120	118	119
July ..	101	109	112	118	146	191	118	84	61	110	114
August ..	112	112	85	115	114	189	120	124	112	96	120
September ..	118	118	121	128	149	194	124	133	117	r 117	121
October ..	122	119	128	132	154	201	135	134	124	118	125
November ..	125	120	136	139	152	201	132	140	128	119	124
December ..	119	112	134	133	146	210	118	124	123	112	122
1962—											
January ..	118	113	130	122	152	192	128	125	122	111	121
February ..	122	118	134	127	146	206	122	134	122	117	124
March ..	121	118	132	126	160	226	133	138	123	120	126
April ..	r 124	117	137	135	148	206	r 124	123	126	113	126
May ..	r 125	122	138	135	r 162	209	138	127	124	119	126
June ..	124	126	136	136	146	209	132	135	120	r 117	128
July ..		118	124	122	159		r 126	90	61	109	122
August ..			90	122			128	131		100	126

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Includes construction.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.(a)			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(b)		
	Motor Cars.(c)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars and Station Wagons.	Other Motor Vehicles.	Motor Cycles
				'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.						
1952-53	(d) 1,103	(d) 584	(d) 148	(e) 7,659	(f) 4,228	n.a.
1953-54	1,195	612	141	(e) 10,297	(f) 4,687	892
1954-55	1,342	655	133	(e) 13,581	(f) 5,580	939
1955-56	1,467	683	126	13,472	5,625	868
1956-57	1,564	707	120	12,271	4,831	800
1957-58	1,676	735	116	13,847	5,148	869
1958-59	1,783	766	111	14,693	5,528	836
1959-60	1,924	807	102	18,671	5,757	807
1960-61	2,065	843	93	18,595	4,931	656
1961-62	2,185	869	85	17,994	4,343	443
Monthly Totals.						
1960-61—						
September ..	1,967	817	99	22,463	5,811	720
October ..	1,980	819	98	24,266	5,505	765
November ..	2,004	828	98	26,067	5,824	709
December ..	2,025	838	99	17,607	4,779	671
January ..	2,028	835	98	12,704	3,556	683
February ..	2,034	837	97	12,905	4,090	751
March ..	2,044	839	97	19,013	4,657	729
April ..	2,050	841	95	14,755	4,132	500
May ..	2,059	843	94	16,342	4,741	581
June ..	2,065	843	93	14,156	4,217	406
1961-62—						
July ..	2,069	842	92	13,620	3,751	401
August ..	2,080	843	91	16,096	3,924	427
September ..	2,082	844	90	15,735	3,790	384
October ..	2,095	842	90	17,848	4,362	433
November ..	2,105	846	89	18,383	4,413	401
December ..	2,117	849	89	16,575	3,975	407
January ..	2,127	851	88	15,759	3,775	468
February ..	2,137	858	88	17,988	4,240	529
March ..	2,148	861	88	21,212	5,077	530
April ..	2,158	862	87	17,665	4,428	447
May ..	2,173	866	86	21,908	5,465	464
June ..	2,185	r 868	85	23,137	4,921	423
1962-63—						
July ..	2,203	871	r 84	23,703	5,168	466
August ..	2,216	873	83	25,624	4,874	407
September ..	2,228	875	83	r 23,317	r 4,177	r 408
October ..				26,547	5,123	426

(a) Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included. (b) This series is not strictly comparable with the "on Register" series. (c) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (d) Excludes the Northern Territory. (e) Includes ambulances and hearses. (f) Excludes ambulances and hearses.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-miles.	Goods and Livestock.		Passenger-journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton-miles.(a)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1952–53 ..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953–54 ..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954–55 ..	7,896	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	126
1955–56 ..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,762	—646
1956–57 ..	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,543	15,608	—419
1957–58 ..	7,524	3,771	565.5	39,702	14,845	—691
1958–59 ..	7,607	4,003	607.5	38,916	15,345	—67
1959–60 ..	7,722	4,264	663.5	38,392	16,180	6
1960–61 ..	7,752	4,614	729.1	37,072	17,352	657
1961–62 (b) ..	7,746	(c)4,602	(c)731.9	38,450	17,317	615
Monthly Total—(b)						
1959–60—		(c)	(c)			
June ..	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	—2,551
1960–61—						
July ..	7,836	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463	1,500
August ..	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509	2,092
September ..	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,375	2,267
October ..	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,136	2,152
November ..	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815	525
December ..	7,679	4,013	638.5	33,908	16,042	—245
January ..	7,368	3,919	653.0	38,662	16,436	903
February ..	7,113	4,506	727.6	41,196	16,562	1,512
March ..	7,987	4,946	787.2	36,866	17,994	1,668
April ..	7,333	4,093	682.9	35,551	15,885	129
May ..	8,239	5,117	802.2	42,326	18,556	392
June ..	7,868	4,699	723.2	36,840	17,743	—2,982
1961–62—						
July ..	7,962	4,827	746.3	42,477	17,609	2,146
August ..	8,200	5,061	770.7	36,348	18,192	1,137
September ..	7,834	4,749	730.7	41,581	17,834	1,025
October ..	7,820	4,835	727.5	39,574	17,580	834
November ..	7,658	4,824	707.0	35,104	16,940	—338
December ..	7,357	3,994	613.7	34,280	15,561	—756
January ..	7,494	3,950	648.6	37,882	16,318	144
February ..	7,327	4,519	753.8	41,672	16,877	1,556
March ..	7,835	4,740	791.3	37,502	17,411	918
April ..	7,355	4,127	691.1	36,939	16,352	586
May ..	8,242	5,022	833.7	39,775	18,753	1,240
June ..	7,866	4,581	768.6	38,268	18,379	—1,110
1962–63—						
July ..	7,984	4,895	788.6	43,067	18,031	2,397

(a) Partly estimated. (b) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis and which exclude government grants from Net Earnings.
(c) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

NOTE.—Part of the cargo is recorded in tons weight and part in tons measurement. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tons weight or tons measurement, each is recorded and published separately. "1 ton measurement" equals 40 cubic feet.

Period.	Oversea Cargo.				Interstate Cargo Shipped.	
	Shipped from Australian Ports.		Discharged at Australian Ports.			
	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.
Monthly Average—						
1952-53	504	121	644	161
1953-54	479	113	711	234
1954-55	507	118	916	284
1955-56	555	129	1,036	285
1956-57	728	115	1,050	229
1957-58	614	124	1,143	243
1958-59	720	122	1,186	222
1959-60	843	123	1,288	272
1960-61	1,146	129	1,439	317
1961-62	1,433	128	1,460	230
Monthly Total—						
1960-61—						
August	890	109	1,386	380
September	1,029	103	1,488	306
October	923	113	1,480	350
November	991	106	1,531	305
December	990	128	1,370	501
January	1,113	80	1,408	302
February	1,210	107	1,312	354
March	1,474	117	1,426	295
April	1,360	181	1,424	247
May	1,507	211	1,437	188
June	1,400	169	1,522	222
1961-62—						
July	1,419	113	1,368	196
August	1,404	95	1,553	222
September	1,597	129	1,658	204
October	1,368	104	1,405	248
November	1,549	126	1,521	217
December	1,484	113	1,451	206
January	1,345	59	1,332	236
February	1,263	96	1,352	203
March	1,339	159	1,390	253
April	1,436	184	1,353	248
May	1,580	197	1,861	259
June	1,417	155	1,265	270
1962-63—						
July	1,243	89	1,582	318
August r	1,167	136	1,573	325
September p	1,021	127	1,342	266

For meaning of symbols, p. r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines Con- nected at End of Period.	Effective Applications. (b)
	£'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(d) 11	(d) 74	1,279
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443
1959-60	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514
1960-61	11,347	13	2,256	27	1,217	(e) 1,631
1961-62	11,651	11	2,220	24	1,424	(e) 1,719
1960-61—		(f)	(f)	(f)		(e)	(f)
September	11,036	16	2,289	34	1,066	1,582
October	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	1,588
November	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	1,594
December	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	1,600
January	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	1,603
February	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	1,608
March	12,191	11	2,261	21	1,164	1,614
April	10,905	10	2,252	20	1,175	1,619
May..	12,009	12	2,256	27	1,199	1,625
June..	12,813	12	2,256	26	1,217	1,631
1961-62—							
July	10,477	12	2,240	26	1,229	1,637
August	11,776	12	2,233	27	1,251	1,645
September	11,159	11	2,218	25	1,263	1,651
October	11,876	13	2,222	27	1,285	1,659
November	11,516	11	2,233	19	1,299	1,666
December	11,364	8	2,237	19	1,310	1,672
January	11,506	9	2,240	22	1,331	1,677
February	11,650	10	2,232	21	1,338	1,684
March	12,633	11	2,235	(g) 22	1,356	1,691
April	10,484	8	2,225	19	1,388	1,698
May..	12,634	12	2,221	28	1,399	1,708
June..	12,739	13	2,220	34	1,424	1,719
1962-63—							
July	11,741	13	2,223	29	1,461	1,727
August	12,351	14	2,221	30	1,487	1,736
September	10,754	14	2,220	27	1,508	1,745
October	13,720	14	2,228	27	1,534	1,755

(a) Actual collections. (b) Net demand for new telephone services (i.e., excluding withdrawals of applications).
(c) Monthly average. (d) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.
(e) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services, representing exchange lines plus duplex lines, are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical.
(f) Monthly total. (g) From March, 1962, excludes short-term hirers' licences which were previously included.

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., —, see page 1.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT).

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).										
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Commonwealth Government Securities Redeemable in Australia.		Other Securities.
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes.(c)	Other.	
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1955–56 ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	130.5	314.5	70.7	
1956–57 ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	139.8	320.7	48.3	
1957–58 ..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	125.6	293.4	59.6	
1958–59 ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	139.2	278.8	51.1	
1959–60 ..	52.1	361.5	413.6	280.8	19.6	246.4	442.2	196.5	232.4	46.3	
1960–61 ..	57.5	370.2	427.7	294.4	18.5	138.3	130.1	365.7	223.6	303.9	43.7
1961–62 ..	59.4	368.1	427.5	217.7	31.5	151.0	182.0	492.1	190.1	235.8	39.8
1960–61—											
September ..	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	215.0	292.5	50.8
October ..	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	240.3	296.5	50.8
November ..	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	263.8	298.3	46.6
December(d)	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	289.2	299.3	38.9
January ..	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	293.2	300.2	38.9
February ..	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	284.7	298.7	39.0
March ..	56.0	368.6	424.6	307.5	17.3	133.9	122.6	302.7	267.2	307.9	39.0
April ..	58.9	369.5	428.4	301.2	15.6	132.2	113.2	322.3	208.3	315.1	39.0
May ..	59.0	364.6	423.6	277.0	20.3	131.0	199.7	427.6	163.7	324.1	39.1
June ..	57.8	363.6	421.4	260.3	17.3	132.5	200.5	440.9	145.9	326.1	39.2
1961–62—											
July ..	55.5	362.2	417.7	219.4	27.4	139.5	199.0	471.9	126.7	303.7	39.7
August ..	55.4	364.9	420.3	213.5	17.5	141.8	204.8	483.8	157.7	272.2	40.2
September ..	56.5	367.3	423.8	214.0	22.3	145.3	199.2	490.5	184.5	258.2	40.2
October ..	58.5	366.5	425.0	215.9	19.0	152.1	197.8	492.7	216.2	238.2	40.3
November ..	56.8	368.0	424.8	220.2	19.6	151.6	201.2	491.6	250.4	218.7	40.3
December(d)	65.7	382.4	448.1	223.3	16.2	148.3	196.6	499.7	270.2	211.6	40.3
January ..	63.3	370.1	433.4	227.6	25.7	153.3	196.9	510.4	227.2	205.8	40.3
February ..	61.2	364.1	425.3	231.5	19.9	153.0	201.8	514.7	187.3	194.2	40.3
March ..	58.8	366.2	425.0	235.4	18.9	156.1	184.9	506.5	189.5	193.3	39.9
April(d) ..	59.4	372.9	432.3	224.4	33.6	157.1	123.6	461.6	171.5	210.9	39.7
May ..	62.7	368.8	431.5	198.4	75.4	154.8	132.7	483.8	154.2	251.1	38.6
June ..	61.1	368.2	429.3	195.0	75.5	160.9	131.9	491.9	154.2	257.6	38.1
1962–63—											
July ..	58.9	367.6	426.5	192.4	74.4	162.1	122.6	502.3	148.7	256.1	38.1
August ..	59.4	371.0	430.4	191.8	70.9	162.8	124.8	503.9	158.6	264.0	37.9
September ..	59.0	373.8	432.8	191.8	68.2	169.7	119.7	495.0	172.7	276.6	37.6
October ..	61.1	374.4	435.5	195.8	67.3	178.3	119.9	492.7	199.1	268.6	37.6

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of Trading Banks. (c) Figures for periods prior to July, 1962, relate to Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities, the latter Securities being replaced by Treasury Notes. (d) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)
 RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT: ADVANCES.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Advances.	Period.	Advances.
Average of Weekly Figures—		Average of Weekly Figure—	
1955–56 ..	73.8	1961–62—	
1956–57 ..	56.6	July ..	73.5
1957–58 ..	33.7	August ..	60.4
1958–59 ..	46.7	September ..	49.7
1959–60 ..	62.6	October ..	41.7
1960–61 ..	72.4	November ..	34.7
1961–62 ..	69.1	December(b) ..	33.3
1960–61—		January ..	72.3
September ..	49.1	February ..	110.3
October ..	45.7	March ..	101.4
November ..	38.7	April(b) ..	99.2
December(b) ..	34.7	May ..	80.9
January ..	56.7	June ..	63.7
February ..	88.4	1962–63—	
March ..	103.3	July ..	51.8
April ..	115.7	August ..	32.7
May ..	107.0	September ..	19.0
June ..	89.0	October ..	14.4

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Bank exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a):
ADVANCES.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Advances.		Period.	Advances.	
	Hire Purchase.	Other.		Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—			Average of Weekly Figures—		
1955–56 ..	16.6	14.1	1961–62—		
1956–57 ..	16.5	14.5	July ..	18.7	20.7
1957–58 ..	16.0	14.9	August ..	19.0	21.5
1958–59 ..	17.4	15.1	September ..	19.2	22.3
1959–60 ..	17.8	15.9	October ..	19.5	23.0
1960–61 ..	18.9	17.5	November ..	20.4	23.9
1961–62 ..	19.9	24.4	December(b) ..	21.0	24.2
1960–61—			January ..	20.9	24.8
September ..	19.1	15.9	February ..	20.2	25.3
October ..	19.4	16.3	March ..	19.9	25.9
November ..	19.9	16.8	April(b) ..	20.0	26.4
December(b) ..	20.1	17.3	May ..	20.2	27.2
January ..	19.6	17.5	June ..	20.3	27.6
February ..	19.0	17.9	1962–63—		
March ..	18.3	18.4	July ..	20.3	28.0
April ..	18.3	19.0	August ..	20.3	28.8
May ..	18.5	19.8	September ..	20.3	29.6
June ..	18.6	20.5	October ..	20.7	30.2

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Bank exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (e)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.				
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes. (d)	Other Securities.							
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.										
Average of Weekly Figures—													
1955–56	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3		
1956–57	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1		
1957–58	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1		
1958–59	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5		
1959–60	343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0		
1960–61	406.8	102.7	1,219.2	1,728.7	72.3	22.3	228.4	23.6	293.9	1,050.0		
1961–62	533.8	99.4	1,173.4	1,806.6	71.8	34.5	370.1	30.9	217.3	1,002.2		
1960–61—													
September	365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5		
October	363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	13.3	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.2		
November	368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5		
December(f)	386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3		
January	398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6		
February	426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4		
March	445.4	102.3	1,223.6	1,771.3	69.1	46.4	227.6	39.1	307.0	1,011.5		
April	454.8	93.0	1,210.4	1,758.2	71.5	27.0	234.1	37.7	300.6	1,016.8		
May	463.0	97.6	1,161.7	1,722.3	72.4	25.6	238.5	27.1	276.5	1,010.3		
June	471.2	99.3	1,144.6	1,715.1	69.0	19.7	243.8	28.4	259.7	1,020.1		
1961–62—													
July	486.2	104.8	1,110.0	1,701.0	76.3	26.6	261.0	28.1	218.9	1,034.9		
August	502.4	102.2	1,106.0	1,710.6	67.5	27.2	294.2	31.4	213.0	1,014.6		
September	514.2	101.0	1,113.1	1,728.3	72.2	28.6	330.9	31.1	213.5	1,000.8		
October	525.0	102.6	1,137.9	1,765.5	70.0	31.8	355.3	32.3	215.5	1,007.2		
November	534.1	94.1	1,162.2	1,790.4	71.2	30.2	372.3	31.2	219.8	999.0		
December(f)	535.9	91.5	1,196.4	1,823.8	78.4	29.8	378.1	32.3	222.8	991.7		
January	537.1	95.1	1,224.7	1,856.9	82.6	55.7	406.5	33.0	227.2	976.2		
February	551.3	99.0	1,236.4	1,886.7	70.7	67.3	440.3	33.3	231.1	965.2		
March	560.6	95.4	1,239.3	1,895.3	68.1	61.2	451.0	32.7	234.9	971.9		
April(f)	562.6	95.4	1,225.2	1,883.2	63.8	30.6	429.4	31.6	233.9	1,008.8		
May	554.3	103.7	1,184.8	1,842.8	70.3	13.6	381.2	28.2	198.0	1,022.0		
June	551.3	105.3	1,167.6	1,824.2	70.1	12.4	364.4	26.5	194.6	1,031.4		
1962–63—													
July	558.6	114.0	1,150.2	1,822.8	67.9	10.1	352.3	31.2	192.0	1,060.9		
August	570.4	112.9	1,139.0	1,822.3	66.9	14.0	355.8	31.6	191.4	1,052.1		
September	578.6	111.9	1,136.1	1,826.6	65.5	20.0	359.5	30.3	191.4	1,046.6		
October	581.6	116.2	1,168.7	1,866.5	69.3	22.6	362.9	36.9	195.4	1,051.8		

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., the Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Figures for periods prior to July 1962 relate to Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities, the latter Securities being replaced by Treasury Notes. (e) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN
AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5
1957-58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3
1958-59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0
1959-60	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8
1960-61	4.2	5.5	18.7	17.0	60.7
1961-62	4.0	5.9	26.4	12.0	55.5
1960-61—						
September	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5
October	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5
November	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9
December(b)	4.5	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5
January	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2
February	4.5	7.0	19.7	17.2	58.5
March	3.9	6.5	19.4	17.3	57.1
April	4.1	5.6	18.9	17.1	57.8
May..	4.2	5.7	19.5	16.1	58.7
June..	4.0	5.2	19.4	15.1	59.5
1961-62—						
July	4.5	6.1	21.4	12.9	60.8
August	3.9	5.5	22.7	12.5	59.3
September	4.2	5.9	25.0	12.4	57.9
October	4.0	5.8	25.9	12.2	57.1
November	4.0	5.7	26.5	12.3	55.8
December(b)	4.3	6.0	26.7	12.2	54.4
January	4.4	7.4	29.3	12.2	52.6
February	3.7	7.3	30.6	12.3	51.2
March	3.6	6.8	30.6	12.4	51.3
April(b)	3.4	5.0	27.8	11.9	53.6
May..	3.8	4.5	25.2	10.7	55.5
June..	3.8	4.5	24.5	10.7	56.5
1962-63—						
July	3.7	4.3	23.6	10.5	58.2
August	3.7	4.5	23.0	10.5	57.7
September	3.6	4.7	24.4	10.5	57.3
October	3.7	4.9	24.4	10.5	56.4

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS.

(£ million.)

New and Increased Lending Commitments.(b)				Overdraft Limits.(c)				
For Period ending Second Wednesday of—				Weekly Average.	At Second Wednesday of—(d)			Total Outstanding.
1961—					1960—			
August ..	..	..	..	7.5	July ..	..	..	1,682.4
September ..	..	..	..	8.4	October ..	..	..	1,688.2
October ..	..	..	..	9.4				
November ..	..	..	..	11.1	1961—			
December ..	..	..	..	11.5	January ..	..	..	1,623.6
1962—					April ..	..	..	1,564.9
January ..	..	..	..	8.6	July ..	..	..	1,571.5
February ..	..	..	..	9.4	September ..	..	..	1,586.7
March ..	..	..	..	12.5	October ..	..	..	1,605.5
April ..	..	..	..	12.9	November ..	..	..	1,620.0
May ..	..	..	..	10.2	December ..	..	..	1,646.8
June ..	..	..	..	9.5	1962—			
July ..	..	..	..	9.4	January ..	..	..	1,651.4
August ..	..	..	..	10.8	February ..	..	..	1,665.2
September ..	..	..	..	8.9	March ..	..	..	1,682.5
October ..	..	..	..	8.9	April ..	..	..	1,701.1

Source: Reserve Bank.

(a) See footnote (a) page 50. (b) This series has been compiled from information supplied by the major trading banks as at the second Wednesday of each month. Generally the series aims to cover all new and increased lending commitments entered into by banks which require the approval of a formal limit on a customer's overdraft account. Commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and in respect of term loans are excluded. The figures represent gross new lending commitments of banks and do not take account of cancellations and reductions of existing limits. Figures for cancellations and reductions of existing limits can be obtained from this series (after adjusting the weekly average to a monthly basis) in conjunction with that of overdraft limits. However, these derived figures should be regarded as an approximation only, since there are unavoidable differences in the basis of the compiling of the two series. (c) Excludes limits in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and term loans. (d) Prior to July, 1961—at the beginning of the month.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (e)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market). Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes (d)	Other Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1955–56 ..	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8 984.1	
1956–57 ..	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4 946.8	
1957–58 ..	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3 963.3	
1958–59 ..	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9 1,015.3	
1959–60 ..	354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8 1,040.6	
1960–61 ..	421.2	123.4	1,264.9	1,809.5	75.1	23.1	247.2	30.6	294.4 1,144.5	
1961–62 ..	555.4	120.7	1,220.5	1,896.6	77.4	34.9	392.1	33.3	217.7 1,108.1	
1960–61—										
September ..	379.0	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.4	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.9	298.6 1,169.0	
October ..	376.9	128.6	1,292.8	1,798.3	75.6	13.0	241.8	21.9	297.3 1,184.8	
November ..	381.5	123.8	1,304.4	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5 1,183.5	
December(f) ..	399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.6	27.1	282.6 1,175.4	
January ..	413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.6	32.1	296.5 1,153.8	
February ..	441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	25.2	244.0	35.0	303.1 1,125.7	
March ..	461.7	121.4	1,271.2	1,854.3	71.7	47.6	247.7	44.3	307.5 1,108.0	
April ..	471.8	113.0	1,258.7	1,843.5	74.1	28.0	254.3	40.3	301.2 1,113.7	
May ..	480.3	119.0	1,207.1	1,806.4	75.0	25.8	258.9	33.8	277.0 1,108.1	
June ..	488.8	122.4	1,188.8	1,800.0	72.2	20.1	263.8	34.4	260.3 1,119.0	
1961–62—										
July ..	504.2	128.8	1,153.4	1,786.4	80.2	26.9	283.2	32.0	219.4 1,134.8	
August ..	521.1	125.3	1,149.2	1,795.6	70.5	27.5	317.6	34.7	213.5 1,114.9	
September ..	533.6	123.1	1,156.4	1,813.1	75.9	29.2	352.0	33.2	214.0 1,103.9	
October ..	545.0	124.1	1,182.3	1,851.4	73.7	32.8	374.2	35.7	215.9 1,112.4	
November ..	554.4	114.9	1,207.6	1,876.9	75.0	31.1	391.4	33.5	220.2 1,105.9	
December(f) ..	556.6	111.9	1,242.3	1,910.8	82.3	30.2	398.3	33.8	223.3 1,098.9	
January ..	558.6	115.9	1,275.8	1,950.3	88.6	56.2	430.3	35.6	227.6 1,082.3	
February ..	574.4	118.3	1,287.9	1,980.6	77.5	67.8	464.6	34.9	231.5 1,070.8	
March ..	584.2	115.5	1,290.4	1,990.1	75.9	61.5	474.5	34.7	235.4 1,079.1	
April(f) ..	586.2	117.1	1,275.5	1,978.8	72.0	30.5	452.5	34.2	224.4 1,116.9	
May ..	578.6	126.1	1,232.9	1,937.6	79.1	13.6	403.3	29.6	198.4 1,132.8	
June ..	577.7	125.0	1,215.7	1,918.4	77.2	12.4	385.9	27.9	195.0 1,143.4	
1962–63—										
July ..	586.6	133.6	1,197.6	1,917.8	74.6	10.1	373.7	32.8	192.5 1,175.6	
August ..	599.0	132.1	1,185.7	1,916.8	73.3	14.0	367.5	33.1	191.8 1,168.5	
September ..	607.4	130.8	1,183.7	1,921.9	71.6	20.0	379.6	32.0	191.8 1,164.6	
October ..	610.9	135.0	1,217.4	1,963.3	73.7	23.8	382.6	38.5	195.8 1,172.8	

(a) Covers the Commonwealth and Private Trading Banks, and in addition the Bank of China, Bank of New Zealand, The Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Co. Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b) page 50. (c) See note (c) page 50. (d) See note (d) page 50. (e) See note (e) page 50. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .. , see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1955-56 ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57 ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58 ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59 ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1960-61 ..	322.5	282.9	81.9	58.0	37.8	16.3	1.0	3.4	803.8
1961-62 ..	327.0	295.0	82.2	58.1	40.2	16.0	1.1	4.0	823.6
1960-61—									
September ..	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.5	1.1	3.4	797.5
October ..	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November ..	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December ..	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.3	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.5
January ..	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February ..	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8
March ..	317.2	282.4	76.8	59.8	38.7	16.7	0.9	3.3	795.8
April ..	301.7	263.7	76.5	57.8	36.5	15.9	0.9	4.1	757.1
May ..	326.6	289.5	80.9	57.5	38.5	17.4	1.0	3.8	815.2
June ..	316.2	272.3	79.5	57.3	34.6	16.1	1.1	4.6	781.7
1961-62—									
July ..	322.2	297.7	85.4	55.6	37.6	16.5	1.1	4.0	820.1
August ..	282.8	270.1	74.1	49.7	35.0	14.0	1.1	2.9	729.7
September ..	313.4	284.0	83.0	52.4	37.4	14.5	1.1	3.2	789.0
October ..	338.7	292.4	84.5	57.3	39.3	16.2	1.1	3.7	833.2
November ..	331.6	287.9	81.3	56.3	39.0	14.8	1.1	3.6	815.6
December ..	339.8	326.9	84.7	64.1	44.2	16.9	1.1	3.8	881.5
January ..	296.9	261.2	75.6	53.1	42.9	13.5	1.0	4.0	748.2
February ..	337.7	309.9	82.9	62.1	43.4	15.2	1.1	3.7	856.0
March ..	331.9	291.9	81.7	62.1	43.5	17.6	1.0	4.6	834.3
April ..	330.5	295.0	84.7	60.1	38.2	16.3	1.0	4.1	829.9
May ..	360.1	319.2	85.0	63.8	42.8	19.8	1.2	4.2	896.1
June ..	347.6	314.3	86.4	62.9	39.0	17.9	1.2	6.0	875.3
1962-63—									
July ..	368.0	335.1	94.0	66.8	42.1	18.7	1.3	5.2	931.2
August ..	323.1	291.2	83.6	58.1	39.4	17.1	1.3	5.1	818.9
September ..	344.2	311.5	90.8	61.9	40.7	16.1	1.4	4.0	870.6
October ..	362.1	322.0	95.8	65.0	44.3	17.0	1.4	4.9	912.5

(a) Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 53, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June, 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
" 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	a 1,522.7
" 1961	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	a 1,577.5
" 1962	625.0	570.9	205.9	181.0	90.5	51.2	3.1	7.3	a 1,734.9
1961-62—									
Sept. ..	583.9	534.4	194.7	169.2	84.7	48.8	2.9	6.5	1,625.1
October	587.7	537.1	196.6	170.1	85.3	48.9	3.0	6.6	1,635.3
Nov. ..	591.1	540.3	197.4	170.5	85.7	49.0	3.0	6.7	1,643.7
Dec. ..	594.3	544.0	197.6	170.5	85.5	49.1	3.0	6.6	1,650.6
January	595.5	546.1	196.3	171.7	86.1	49.3	2.9	6.8	1,654.7
February	599.3	549.6	196.7	173.0	86.7	49.8	2.9	6.9	1,664.9
March	600.8	551.8	196.9	173.7	86.9	50.1	2.9	7.0	1,670.1
April ..	599.2	548.9	196.5	172.3	86.9	50.0	2.9	7.0	1,663.7
May ..	606.5	552.9	198.4	173.0	87.6	50.3	2.9	7.2	1,678.8
June ..	625.0	570.9	205.9	181.0	90.5	51.2	3.1	7.3	a 1,734.9
1962-63—									
July ..	630.5	577.4	210.0	183.5	92.2	51.7	3.2	7.6	1,756.1
August	641.3	588.3	214.6	186.4	94.2	53.1	3.3	7.8	1,789.0
Sept. ..	646.6	595.1	217.5	187.9	95.3	53.5	3.4	7.9	1,807.2
Oct. ..	657.4	604.0	221.4	190.9	97.1	53.8	3.5	8.2	1,836.3

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m; 1960-61, £44.7 m; 1961-62, £52.7 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Common- wealth and States (including Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes). (b)	Local and Semi- Govern- mental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June, 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
" 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
" 1961	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
" 1962	4.9	154.6	60.8	832.6	352.7	13.8	345.7	28.6
1961-62—								
Sept. ..	4.2	146.0	55.2	798.2	321.1	13.8	320.0	27.2
October ..	4.7	148.4	51.7	806.2	324.2	19.3	321.8	27.4
Nov. ..	3.8	144.4	51.4	814.6	327.6	21.1	324.3	27.5
Dec. ..	5.4	145.2	57.0	814.4	331.0	16.8	328.8	27.6
January ..	4.8	147.1	56.0	820.6	333.3	13.5	328.7	28.3
February	4.5	148.7	57.8	825.1	336.9	14.3	330.9	28.4
March ..	4.5	156.5	53.2	826.7	340.8	13.8	333.4	28.4
April ..	5.3	149.9	56.7	823.1	344.5	14.3	335.2	28.5
May ..	4.3	147.7	57.1	828.7	347.1	15.6	338.1	28.8
June ..	4.9	154.6	60.8	832.6	352.7	13.8	345.7	28.6
1962-63—								
July ..	5.0	154.2	60.6	843.7	359.5	16.1	348.3	28.9
August	4.1	161.0	63.3	854.8	370.9	16.0	351.7	29.4
Sept. ..	4.8	165.6	60.3	866.8	377.9	14.3	355.0	29.8
October ..	4.7	177.0	61.8	874.7	386.6	18.6	358.7	29.9

(a) Includes assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

(b) See note (d) page 50.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET.

(Selected Assets and Liabilities of Authorized Dealers and Rates of Interest on Loans.)

Month.	Liabilities to Clients.			Holdings of Commonwealth Government Securities (at par value.)	Interest Rates on Loans accepted During Month.				
	All Cheque-Paying Banks.	Other Clients.	Total.		At Call.		For Fixed Periods.		
					Minimum per cent. per annum.	Maximum per cent. per annum.	Minimum per cent. per annum.	Maximum per cent. per annum.	
Average of Weekly Figures—£ million.									
1959—June ..	28.3	19.8	48.1	50.4	2.94	3.13	3.00	3.50	
1960 ..	27.2	52.7	79.9	82.3	2.75	3.50	3.00	3.50	
1961 ..	34.4	62.7	97.1	100.4	2.50	4.88	3.50	4.83	
1962 ..	27.9	88.5	116.4	121.2	2.00	4.00	3.00	3.88	
1961–62—August ..	34.7	67.7	102.4	105.6	2.25	4.25	3.00	4.25	
September ..	33.2	69.9	103.1	106.6	2.25	3.75	2.75	3.75	
October ..	35.7	72.0	107.7	111.2	2.25	3.88	2.88	3.88	
November ..	33.5	76.3	109.8	113.5	2.25	4.31	2.75	4.34	
December(a) ..	33.8	76.6	110.4	114.1	2.25	4.00	2.75	4.00	
January ..	35.6	74.8	110.4	114.0	2.00	3.75	2.75	3.88	
February ..	34.9	73.8	108.7	112.5	2.00	3.93	3.00	3.94	
March ..	34.7	76.0	110.7	114.8	2.00	4.00	3.50	3.94	
April(a) ..	34.2	79.5	113.7	118.0	2.25	4.06	3.65	4.13	
May ..	29.6	87.7	117.3	121.9	2.00	4.06	3.25	4.13	
June ..	27.9	88.5	116.4	121.2	2.00	4.00	3.00	3.88	
1962–63—July ..	32.8	84.6	117.4	121.3	2.00	3.81	2.75	3.75	
August ..	33.1	82.2	115.3	120.0	2.00	4.13	3.38	4.13	
September ..	32.0	82.7	114.7	119.6	2.00	4.25	3.38	4.31	

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

(Source: Reserve Bank.)

NEW CAPITAL RAISING BY COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA.

The following statistics show the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For this purpose the "investing public" includes banks and life assurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and superannuation funds. The statistics do not include changes in bank overdrafts, loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market, or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

NEW MONEY RAISED BY COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Companies listed on Stock Exchanges.			Companies not listed on Stock Exchanges.			Grand Total.
	Share Capital.	Debentures, Registered Notes and Deposits.	Total.	Share Capital.	Secured Loans. (a)	Total.	
Quarterly Average—							
1955–56 ..	14.8	13.0	27.8	7.6	1.4	9.0	36.8
1956–57 ..	10.9	13.4	24.3	6.9	1.2	8.1	32.4
1957–58 ..	8.8	20.4	29.2	5.2	1.1	6.3	35.5
1958–59 ..	12.2	35.4	47.6	4.5	3.1	7.6	55.2
1959–60 ..	11.9	49.9	61.8	8.9	2.9	11.8	73.6
1960–61 ..	24.6	29.8	54.4	8.1	2.3	10.4	64.8
1961–62 p ..	18.7	24.9	43.6				
Quarterly Total—							
1960–61—Sept. Qtr.	24.2	59.1	83.3	7.5	1.5	9.0	92.3
Dec. ,,	29.1	48.9	78.0	9.0	3.3	12.3	90.3
March ,,	19.9	8.3	28.2	6.1	1.8	7.9	36.1
June ,,	25.3	2.7	28.0	9.6	2.7	12.3	40.3
1961–62—Sept. ,,	26.0	30.0	56.0	6.4	1.2	7.6	63.6
Dec. ,,	17.6	26.4	44.0	p 6.5	p 2.1	p 8.6	p 52.6
March ,,	17.3	12.2	29.5			p 7.8	p 37.3
June , p	13.7	31.2	44.9				

(a) Secured over entire assets of borrowing company.

For meaning of symbols p, r, t, see page 1.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued (excluding Annuities).(b)						Premiums.(c)			Claims, etc., Paid.(d)			New Loans Paid Over. (e)	
	Ordinary Business.		Industrial Business.		Superannuation Business.		Ordinary.	Indus- trial.	Super- annua- tion.	Ordinary.	Indus- trial.	Super- annua- tion.		
	Num- ber.	Sum Insured.	Num- ber.	Sum Insured.	Num- ber.	Sum Insured.								
Monthly Average—														
1937 .. .	12.3	4.1	36.1	1.7	.. .	.. .	1.0	0.5	.. .	0.7	0.2	.. .	n.a.
1938 .. .	11.5	3.9	32.8	1.5	.. .	.. .	1.1	0.6	.. .	0.8	0.2	.. .	n.a.
1939 .. .	11.3	3.9	32.1	1.5	.. .	.. .	1.1	0.5	.. .	0.8	0.3	.. .	n.a.
1955–56 .. .	24.8	27.9	17.6	2.7	.. .	.. .	5.8	1.2	.. .	2.3	0.8	.. .	4.7
1956–57 .. .	24.3	32.7	17.5	2.8	.. .	.. .	6.5	1.2	.. .	2.5	0.8	.. .	5.0
1957–58 .. .	25.0	37.6	17.4	2.8	.. .	.. .	7.3	1.3	.. .	2.8	0.9	.. .	4.9
1958–59 .. .	26.3	43.4	16.0	2.7	.. .	.. .	8.0	1.3	.. .	3.1	0.9	.. .	6.1
1959–60 .. .	33.6	57.6	15.8	2.8	.. .	.. .	8.9	1.3	.. .	3.4	0.9	.. .	6.2
1960–61 .. .	27.7	49.5	15.1	3.6	(f)7.6	f17.6	9.7	1.3	.. .	4.3	1.1	.. .	7.1	
1961–62 .. .	26.5	51.5	13.8	3.9	6.3	19.7	g11.1	1.3	.. .	(g)4.6	1.1	.. .	5.1	
Monthly Total—														
1960–61—														
July .. .	33.8	55.4	14.5	2.9	9.1	15.6	10.1	1.2	.. .	3.8	1.1	.. .	7.3	
August .. .	32.7	49.4	22.3	5.0	11.3	16.8	9.9	1.4	.. .	4.1	1.2	.. .	7.7	
September(b) .. .	36.7	59.1	18.4	4.2	14.0	34.5	9.5	1.3	.. .	4.0	1.2	.. .	9.2	
October .. .	26.5	47.4	16.7	4.1	7.1	12.0	8.5	1.4	.. .	5.2	1.1	.. .	7.7	
November .. .	29.0	47.9	15.3	4.2	7.4	14.3	9.0	1.5	.. .	4.6	1.2	.. .	8.3	
December(b) .. .	29.4	86.9	11.8	3.5	8.0	51.0	10.0	1.6	.. .	4.6	0.9	.. .	8.5	
January .. .	15.8	26.4	5.0	1.0	4.8	9.2	7.9	0.7	.. .	3.2	0.8	.. .	5.6	
February .. .	20.6	33.4	14.4	3.1	5.3	9.2	8.4	1.2	.. .	3.6	1.1	.. .	6.4	
March .. .	25.7	46.9	16.4	4.1	5.8	12.0	10.0	1.3	.. .	4.6	1.3	.. .	7.3	
April .. .	23.3	38.6	12.7	3.1	6.1	10.1	9.3	1.2	.. .	4.2	1.0	.. .	5.2	
May .. .	28.3	47.1	17.5	4.1	6.8	13.2	10.9	1.4	.. .	4.6	1.2	.. .	6.4	
June .. .	30.7	55.1	16.7	4.3	5.4	13.5	12.4	1.3	.. .	5.5	1.3	.. .	5.6	
1961–62—														
July .. .	30.1	52.9	18.5	4.4	4.8	12.6	11.0	1.3	.. .	5.3	1.4	.. .	7.0	
August .. .	29.1	51.3	18.6	4.3	6.3	17.1	10.3	1.5	.. .	4.7	1.5	.. .	5.2	
September(b) .. .	31.6	58.4	15.9	4.4	11.5	32.3	13.4	1.4	.. .	5.0	1.3	.. .	6.0	
October .. .	25.6	48.6	14.4	3.6	6.1	13.6	10.0	1.3	.. .	4.0	1.3	.. .	4.7	
November .. .	27.1	50.8	14.8	4.0	6.4	13.5	10.0	1.5	.. .	4.0	1.3	.. .	4.4	
December(b) .. .	27.1	69.9	11.3	3.8	7.9	62.6	12.1	1.8	.. .	4.8	0.9	.. .	4.9	
January .. .	16.5	31.3	5.2	1.1	5.6	11.5	7.1	0.6	(f)2.6	2.7	0.8	(f)0.9	3.2	
February .. .	20.9	37.8	12.4	3.3	4.4	9.6	6.9	1.2	2.3	3.1	1.0	1.0	4.0	
March .. .	27.9	55.1	15.1	5.0	5.7	15.2	7.7	1.5	3.0	3.2	1.2	1.6	5.1	
April .. .	23.9	47.8	13.7	4.3	5.8	12.6	7.0	1.3	3.7	2.9	1.0	0.8	4.4	
May .. .	27.5	51.4	11.6	3.8	5.3	15.3	8.8	1.3	2.7	3.6	1.1	1.2	6.1	
June .. .	31.2	61.5	13.9	4.9	5.7	21.1	10.2	1.3	3.8	4.1	1.1	1.5	6.0	
1962–63—														
July .. .	30.3	60.6	18.0	5.8	6.0	21.0	9.8	1.4	2.8	3.9	1.2	1.8	6.3	
August .. .	27.8	57.6	15.0	5.2	7.1	21.2	8.4	1.4	3.0	3.6	1.2	1.1	5.1	

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office, which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947–48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. Recordings tend to concentrate more in the last month of a company's year; months mainly affected are September and December. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums. (f) Figures for earlier periods not available separately; included with Ordinary Business. (g) Includes superannuation. Separate details of superannuation, which are available for the latter six months of 1961–62, are given below.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES, EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES,
SECURITY YIELDS, PRIVATE FIRST MORTGAGES.**

Period.	International Reserves. (a)	Exchange Rates.(b)			Gold Prices.(b)		Commonwealth Government Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. (Revised Series). (f)
		Australia on London.(c)	London on New York. (c)	Australia on New York. (d)	Australia.	London.	Theoretical 2 years.(e)	Theoretical 15 years.(e)	
	£m.	£A. per £100Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1936-37 ..	92.9	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(h) 3.57	(i) 3.94	(j) 5.3
1937-38 ..	85.2	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(h) 3.30	(i) 3.71	(j) 5.3
1938-39 ..	60.7	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(h) 3.67	(i) 3.84	(k) 5.4
1955-56 ..	355.0	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	566.5	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.8
1957-58 ..	525.4	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.3
1958-59 ..	516.4	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.4
1959-60 ..	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.01	4.91	8.3
1960-61 ..	550.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.589	5.06	5.21	8.7
1961-62 ..	561.2	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.505	4.45	5.06	8.8
1960-61—									(l)
September ..	424.0	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.8
October ..	413.3	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.9
November ..	398.0	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.35	5.19	8.9
December ..	376.3	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.60	5.30	8.9
January ..	374.5	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	8.8
February ..	373.6	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	8.6
March ..	388.1	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	8.5
April ..	416.5	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.536	5.46	5.36	8.5
May ..	531.1	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.548	5.43	5.36	8.6
June ..	550.8	125.25	2.790	2.220	15.625	12.568	5.23	5.36	8.6
1961-62—									
July ..	574.6	125.25	2.787	2.218	15.625	12.598	4.93	5.34	8.7
August ..	571.1	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.546	4.60	5.35	8.7
September ..	573.4	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.515	4.59	5.33	8.7
October ..	578.0	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.501	4.46	5.13	8.7
November ..	587.0	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.500	4.38	4.99	8.8
December ..	601.7	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.508	4.36	4.98	8.8
January ..	596.1	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.510	4.35	4.94	8.9
February ..	607.7	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.480	4.39	4.94	8.8
March ..	537.6	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.463	4.39	4.95	8.8
April ..	550.3	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.465	4.38	4.93	8.8
May ..	565.5	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.473	4.31	4.93	8.9
June ..	561.2	125.25	2.809	2.232	15.625	12.500	4.30	4.93	9.1
1962-63—									
July ..	574.9	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.513	4.30	4.90	9.1
August ..	565.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.526	4.26	4.91	9.1
September ..	560.5	125.25	2.801	2.229	15.625	12.541	4.25	4.94	9.1
October ..	570.9	125.25	2.802	2.230	15.625	12.543	4.20	4.90	9.1

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). See page 22, Reserve Bank of Australia Statistical Bulletin, Financial Supplement, September, 1960, for a description of this series. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. (b) Average of daily quotations. (c) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (d) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. Yields are to last date of redemption. Income tax rebate of 2s. in the pound has not been taken into account. Prior to July, 1959, rates applied to securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday of the month. Since July, 1959, theoretical 2-year and theoretical 15-year securities. Average for the week is centred on last Wednesday of the month. (f) From 1956-57, includes all mortgages for corporations (other than banks and building societies) and individuals, except completely abnormal amounts of £1 m. or more in months in which large mortgages are few in number. Certain other refinements previously incorporated in the series have now been excluded in order to indicate current trends more accurately. Figures prior to 1956-57 have not been adjusted, but the variation between the adjusted and unadjusted series in these earlier years is negligible. (g) Weighted average twelve months. (h) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rate. (i) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (j) Urban securities only. (k) Rural and urban securities. (l) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—								Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).		
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).							
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.						
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	3.125				
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.125				
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.125				
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.750				
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	3.750				
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	4.500				
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	4.500				
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	4.500				
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	4.500				
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	5.000				
4th December ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	5.000				
1958—1st November ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	3.00	5.000				
1960—17th November ..	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.00	5.000				
1961—1st January ..	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.25	5.000				
22nd February ..	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.25	5.375				
1st July ..	4.00		4.25	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.50	5.375				
1962—7th February ..	4.00		4.25	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.50	5.000				
13th April ..	3.75		4.00	(e)	7.00	7.00	3.50	5.000				

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (c) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (e) From 17th November, 1960 to 10th September, 1962 banks did not accept fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. From 10th September, 1962 banks were permitted to accept fixed deposits for periods up to 15 months. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—									
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	1960—61—				
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	30th June	186,000	..	..	186,000
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228					
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	190,000	1961—62—				
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	160,000	31st July	180,000	..	1,000	181,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	165,000	31st Aug.	206,000	..	2,000	208,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	150,000	30th Sept.	236,000	25,099	2,000	263,099
1958 ..	140,000	..	140,000	140,000	31st Oct.	268,000	40,227	2,000	310,227
1959 ..	171,000	..	171,000	171,000	30th Nov.	285,000	48,203	7,000	340,203
1960 ..	201,000	..	201,000	201,000	31st Dec.	303,000	49,350	11,000	363,350
1961 ..	186,000	..	186,000	186,000	31st Jan.	248,000	95,924	10,000	353,924
1962 ..	208,000	..	208,000	208,000	28th Feb.	216,000	82,012	8,000	306,012
1960—61—					31st Mar.	213,000	86,125	5,500	304,625
31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559	30th Apr.	190,000	30,741	5,000	225,741
30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103	31st May	174,000	19,417	1,000	194,417
31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227	30th June	208,000	..	..	208,000
31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167	1962—63—				
28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316	31st July.	168,000	(b)18,653	1,000	187,653
31st Mar.	282,000	47,513	..	329,513	31st Aug.	179,000	(b)44,867	2,000	225,867
30th Apr.	224,000	25,246	..	249,246	30th Sept.	187,000	(b)59,966	2,000	248,966
31st May	192,000	8,094	..	200,094	31st Oct.	225,000	(b)59,885	3,000	287,885

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills (b) Treasury Notes.
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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Commonwealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1956-57 ..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 ..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 ..	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 ..	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	24.3	698.7	1,438.3	1,857.3
1960-61 ..	282.4	185.1	108.8	82.0	69.3	27.8	755.4	1,638.3	2,085.3
1961-62p..	296.5	196.3	117.3	89.1	74.9	30.3	804.4	1,641.5	2,102.5
1962-63 (Estimate)	310.2	205.0	121.2	92.2	78.2	31.5	838.3	1,665.4	2,144.0
1960-61—									
July-August ..	41.4	23.3	14.9	11.2	9.2	2.9	102.9	187.9	249.0
July-September..	62.1	35.8	23.3	17.5	14.3	5.4	158.4	280.0	375.8
July-October ..	83.4	48.7	32.2	22.9	19.2	6.9	213.3	375.7	505.5
1961-62—									
July-August ..	43.1	25.1	15.7	12.5	11.5	3.1	111.0	188.1	252.5
July-September..	66.6	37.4	24.3	19.0	17.3	6.0	170.6	280.5	381.1
July-October ..	87.9	50.8	32.6	25.2	23.3	7.6	227.4	379.5	513.5
1962-63—									
July-August ..	45.4	26.1	17.5	12.9	11.6	3.4	116.9	189.8	257.2
July-September..	66.5	38.9	26.0	19.0	17.0	6.4	173.8	281.9	381.4
July-October ..	92.9		36.2	26.3	22.4	8.2		383.6	

EXPENDITURE.

1938-39 ..	..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1956-57 ..	..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58 ..	..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 ..	..	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 ..	..	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	25.3	701.1	1,438.3	1,859.8
1960-61 ..	..	282.7	184.9	109.4	80.8	70.5	28.0	756.3	1,638.3	2,086.3
1961-62p..	..	299.6	196.3	117.2	88.6	75.9	30.7	808.3	1,641.5	2,106.3
1962-63 (Estimate)		310.2	205.6	121.2	92.8	79.0	32.3	841.1	1,665.4	2,146.8
1960-61—										
July-August ..		39.4	25.3	16.6	11.8	11.1	3.4	107.6	223.8	289.6
July-September..		59.0	39.5	25.4	18.0	16.7	5.7	164.3	340.2	441.9
July-October ..		83.5	54.3	34.1	24.4	22.5	8.0	226.8	458.5	601.9
1961-62—										
July-August ..		43.3	28.1	17.4	13.8	12.1	3.8	118.5	246.8	318.7
July-September..		63.5	42.3	26.3	20.1	18.1	6.3	176.6	376.7	483.3
July-October ..		91.8	60.0	36.2	27.7	24.3	9.5	249.5	498.3	654.4
1962-63—										
July-August ..		46.4	30.9	18.3	14.4	12.6	5.0	127.6	263.9	342.0
July-September..		65.1	44.9	27.6	20.8	18.4	7.6	184.4	380.3	490.4
July-October ..		96.6		38.4	29.5	25.8	11.5		524.2	

(a) Figures for N.S.W. represent combined transactions of Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways, Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of States grants (financial assistance), the interest on State debts, special grants, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

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